

Vietnam claims Hanoi set up SAM-2 sites

The U.S. yesterday demanded the Communists get down within 24 hours on when the next group of American prisoners of war will be freed. Vietnam called on the Communists to release the prisoners of war. The Communists refused to release the prisoners of war. The Communists refused to release the prisoners of war.

The case concerns Saigon complaints that Communists had set up SAM-2 missile sites below the demilitarized zone. The view of the Canadian delegation was that the issue was so serious that the dispute between the Republic of (South) Vietnam and the (Vietcong) Provisional Revolutionary Government concerning this question appeared to be particularly serious and could even lead to action by one side or the other resulting in a resumption of general hostilities.

Two delegations — identified by diplomatic sources as Poland and Hungary — refused to agree to conduct an investigation at the Khe Sanh Plateau because they said there were no adequate grounds for an investigation, despite American satellite reconnaissance photographs which claimed to show missiles, soldiers and trucks in the area since the cease-fire began in late January.

U.S. DEMAND
America's demand about the prisoners of war came in a letter from Gen. Gilbert Woodward, chief of the U.S. delegation to the Joint Military Commission (JMC), to his Communist counterparts. At least another 140 Americans should be freed Tuesday and Wednesday in Hanoi. But the Communists at a JMC meeting yesterday failed to give any word on such a release or provide the names of the prisoners to be freed.

U.S. officials said 15 American military men and 15 civilians remain to be freed by the Communists. The Vietcong called off the exchanges with the Vietnamese on the grounds that armed forces of the Saigon government attacked and occupied one of the points where an exchange was to take place. Lt. Gen. Tran Van Tra, chief of the Vietcong delegation to the JMC, sent strong protest notes to Maj. Gen. Woodward and Lt. Gen. Duong Dong, chief of the South Vietnamese delegation. (Reuter, AP, UPI)

Meir due home after U.S. visit

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Premier Golda Meir is due home from her 13-day visit to the U.S. during which she met with President Nixon and top Administration leaders. She also opened the 1973 Israel Bonds Drive in Miami and spoke to Jewish audiences in New York and Boston. Mrs. Meir is expected to report on her visit to a special Cabinet meeting later in the week. (See Rabin page 2)

Libyan-trained terrorist killed in Morocco

RABAT (APF). — The leader of a Libyan-trained and trained terrorist band responsible for recent clashes in Morocco's Atlas Mountains was reported slain yesterday by Moroccan security forces. Radio Rabat said on an internal broadcast that in addition to killing the terrorist, Muhammad Banuna, security forces had captured a number of his comrades.

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London police hunt IRA car bomb squad

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Police throughout Britain were hunting yesterday for three men thought to be the leaders of the IRA car bomb squad responsible for the London explosions which killed one man and injured close to 250 people on Thursday. The wanted men are believed to be hiding in London with other members of the gang which planted the four bombs. Two of the bombs exploded, one at the Old Bailey and the other near Trafalgar Square. The two others were defused.

Provisional IRA sources in Ireland have claimed that eight members of the group managed to remain safe. But Scotland Yard is not convinced that this claim is true. Seven men and three women, held at Heathrow on Thursday as they prepared to fly to Ireland, are still being detained at Belling Police Station in connection with the bombings. Police spokesmen said yesterday that they do not expect to bring any charges against the detained people in the immediate future.

Two of the women have been named as sisters, Dolores Price, 22, a school teacher, and her 18-year-old sister, Marianne, a student teacher. Army sources in Northern Ireland have confirmed that a woman being held in London was picked up by troops in a Belfast republican club some weeks ago but at that time they had no information on her and no reason to hold her.

Despite claims by Provisional IRA sources in Belfast that the 10 people being held in London were part of the 18-man squad, Provisional IRA headquarters in Dublin remained silent on the blasts. It is likely that a decision to strike in London, on the day of the border poll and the Anglo-Irish talks, was taken by an ultra-militant faction within the Ulster Provisional Movement.

Source close to the Provisionals in Belfast said Friday that the bombings were carried out by younger volunteers from the Provisional IRA's First Battalion based in the Andersonstown District of Belfast. It is thought likely now that there will be a split within the Provisionals in Northern Ireland. Many Provisionals regard Thursday's events as a serious mistake.

They say that it will stiffen British public opinion against them and make it more difficult to raise funds. There was particular bitterness because this action went against the wishes of the emboldened Dublin Provisional leadership. In London, the commissioner of the city police admitted on Friday that human error by one of his staff caused a 15-minute delay in evacuating the Old Bailey area on Thursday.

After a day of questioning about the times which certain messages, many of them hoaxes, were received and acted upon, the commissioner made a statement admitting his force was to blame for the delay. A harried officer, taking down a phone message, had not listed the specific location of the car, so that locating it took longer. The Scotland Yard detectives are certain that the bomb attacks were planned at least a week ago in Ireland.

Forensic science tests show that the four cars used were shipped across the Irish Channel probably carrying more than three hundred pounds of gelignite. An IRA squad is known to have travelled in some of the vehicles without being detected. It is believed that sympathizers met them when they landed and guided them to a secret depot outside London where the cars, all stolen in Ulster, were given false registration plates.

Employee at Israel Embassy in Paris killed cleaning gun

Jerusalem Post Reporter
An employee at the Israel Embassy in Paris was killed on Friday when a gun went off accidentally as he was cleaning it. He was Alexander Levin, deputy head of security at the Embassy. Observers here said they anticipated no legal or other difficulties with the French Government since the incident occurred on the Embassy premises.

Pompidou urges voters to spurn Communists today

PARIS. — President Georges Pompidou yesterday urged French voters to spurn the Communists in today's national election and make the choice for "a free society with all its imperfections and injustices." In a television speech less than 24 hours before the decisive runoff in elections for a new National Assembly, Pompidou again repeated the familiar Gaullist argument of a black-or-white choice. "On the one hand, Marxist Communism and all its allies, on the other everyone else," Pompidou declared.

Pompidou himself is not up for election but his dramatic entry into the political fray was the clearest indication yet of how worried the Gaullists are that their 15-year rule over France may end. The President chose to go on television after the campaign had officially ended Friday night and when opposition politicians could not counter with their own appeals.

The knife-edge election is expected to substantially reduce Gaullist control of the National Assembly because of widespread discontent with their slackness in office in recent years. Exploitation of this feeling has been the Leftist front's most successful campaign theme. "It is a duty for us to work more resolutely than ever to correct inequalities and — through bold reforms — to ensure the social progress made possible by the great economic progress we have realized," Pompidou declared.

Downey has been a prisoner in China since 1952. He is being released after President Nixon sent word to Chinese Premier Chou En-lai that Downey's mother is very ill. The other two Americans being released are Maj. Philip Smith and Lt. Cmdr. Robert Flynn. Both are airmen shot down over China. Downey will be released at the Hongkong border tomorrow. Flynn and Smith will be freed Thursday.

Sudanese demand death for terrorists

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Thousands of Sudanese demonstrators howling "execute them" marched in Khartoum's Martyr's Square yesterday to demand the death sentence for the eight Black September terrorists who murdered three Western diplomats in the Sudanese capital last weekend. The shouts for vengeance were transmitted live by Sudan's official Omadurman Radio which carried full coverage of the Khartoum demonstrations. The marchers screamed their support of President Ja'afar Numeiri's crackdown on the Palestinian terrorist movement after the Black September attack on the Saudi Arabian embassy in Khartoum last weekend.

In an address to the rally, Sudan's Vice-President, General Mohammed Bakir, said that the eight terrorists "have given complete satisfaction, admitting their ugly crime was carried out in collaboration with Yasser Arafat's Fatah organization."

General Bakir, who personally conducted the 80-hour siege of the Black September terrorists leading to their surrender at the Saudi Arabian Embassy, said that the assassinations had committed a hideous crime in killing a Belgian and two U.S. diplomats they were holding hostage along with the Saudi Arabian ambassador and the Jordanian Charge d'Affaires. He said the Sudan was shocked at the murder of "not necessarily diplomats but innocent human beings who were the guests of the Sudanese nation."

General Bakir said that the eight terrorists were "now awaiting trial and a just verdict." Bakir's remarks were often interrupted by the crowd which demanded the execution of the terrorists. "We want their heads," the crowd roared.

P.L.O. CHIEF HELD

The terrorist leadership said over the weekend that the Sudanese authorities had arrested the chief of the Khartoum office of the Palestine Liberation Organization on Friday. The P.L.O. official was named as Abdul-Latif Hajjaleh. The Sudanese had detected him a day after the terrorist attack on the Saudi Arabian embassy on March 1, but released him after questioning.

The terrorists said that Hajjaleh was arrested with his family while preparing to leave Khartoum "for good." "This arrest is part of the suspect campaign which President Numeiri and his government are launching against the Palestinian people and their revolution," said the terrorists. "Palestinian News Agency" WAFAP, in a dispatch from Beirut.

Hajjaleh was the highest ranking terrorist leader to remain in Khartoum after the Black September attack of last weekend. Another leading figure, Fawwaz Yassin, the chief Fatah representative in Khartoum, was reported to have fled to Libya a few hours before the operation was launched. He was accused by Sudan's President Numeiri of having masterminded the attack on the Saudi Arabian embassy. The Sudanese authorities said Yassin, who bears the code-name of "Abu Marwan," would be tried in absentia.

The terrorists complained last night that Sudan's campaign against them was built "within the framework of an American crack plan," and that the bulk of the Arab states were against it. TERRORISTS PROTEST In their broadcasts transmitted from Baghdad, Cairo and Dera in southern Syria, the terrorists protested that only Algeria and Iraq had openly supported them and denounced Sudan's crackdown. The terrorists demanded that the rest of the Arab countries state their position.

Earlier on Friday a Fatah leader, Hani el-Hassan, lashed out at Sudan, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan, all of which he described as "imperialist fortresses used by the U.S. to suppress the Palestinian revolutionary movement in preparation for a peaceful Middle East settlement."

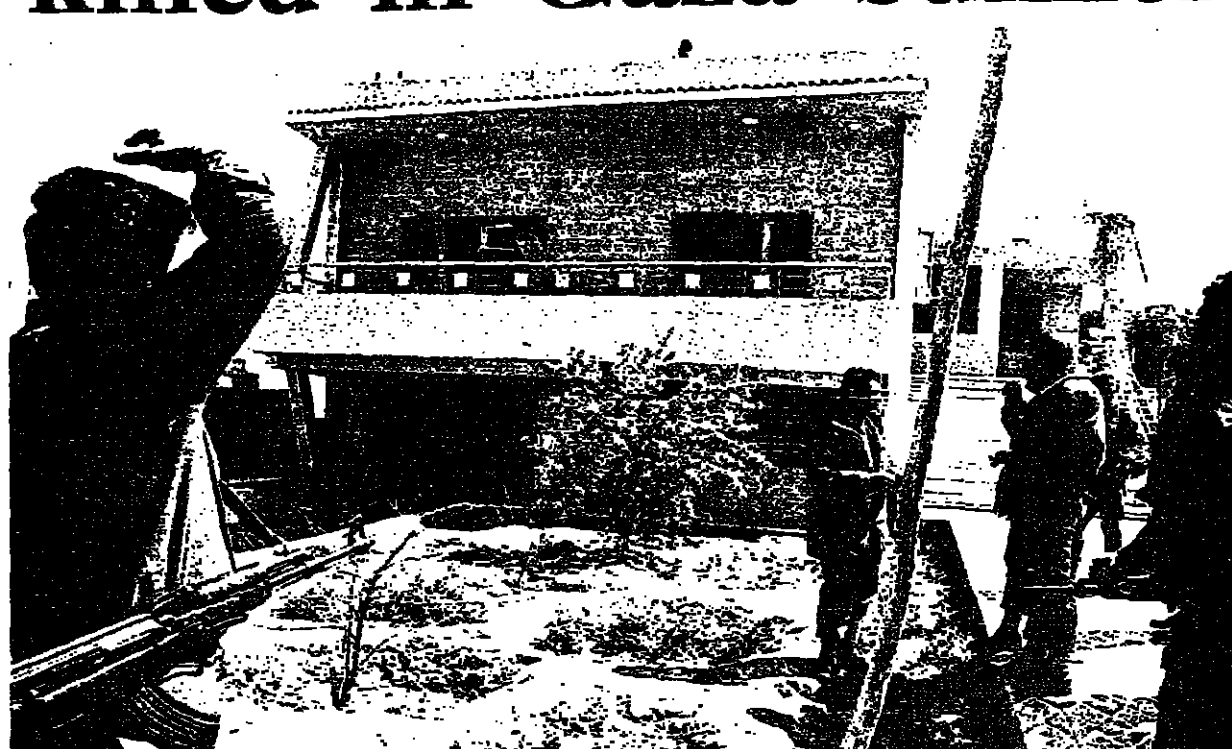
Hassan went on to attack Egypt where, he said, "there were people who had reservations about the Soviet Union then flung themselves into the open arms of American imperialism." Indeed, Egypt and its federation partners have so far declined to express any official stand over Sudan's crackdown on the terrorists. This despite denunciations of Sudan by the news media and various unions in the two countries.

A leading Egyptian commentator, Hassan Abdul-Kuddous, who is known for his close relations with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, yesterday suggested that Sudan should reprieve the Black September terrorists involved in last weekend's episode in Khartoum. Abdul-Kuddous, editor of "Alkhar al-Yom" weekly, said that the eight terrorists should receive the treatment Egypt provided to four of their comrades who assassinated Jordan's Prime Minister Wasfi Tel in Cairo in November 1971. The four were released on bail and later were allowed to leave Egypt.

WOUNDED KNEE, South Dakota (AP). — Deadlocked at the bargaining table, lawyers for the Indians holding Wounded Knee sought federal court action yesterday to end the blockade of federal agents surrounding the village. Ramon Roubidesant, chief negotiator for the American Indian movement during a week of talks with government officials, was granted a hearing late yesterday in U.S. District Court at Rapid City. William Kunstler, the New York lawyer known for his work on civil rights, took over negotiations for the Indians yesterday. A cease-fire remained in effect following the second straight night of heavy gunfighting between the 250 Indians who have occupied the village since February 27 and 300 federal lawmen surrounding them.

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Responsible for recent murders Three terrorist chiefs killed in Gaza bunker



Security forces yesterday guarding the Gaza villa in which the three Gaza leaders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terrorist organization were caught and killed on Friday. The terrorists' headquarters bunker was at the back of the villa's garage, seen open on the ground floor left. (Israel Sun)

Jerusalem Post Staff
GAZA. — Security forces Friday morning wiped out the three-man command of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine here, and with it the apparent source of the recently renewed terrorist activity in Gaza. PFLP Gaza chief Mohammed Mahmoud Massallam al-Asswad (code name "Che Guevara") and his second-in-command, Kamal Abdul-Azziz Hannoun ("Amassi"), were killed in their bunker in a Gaza doctor's house after firing back at a search party. The third terrorist, Abdul-Hadi Ibrahim Hayek, was wounded in the incident. He told security forces before dying that he and his comrades had carried out recent grenade attacks on Israeli soldiers and the murders last month of two Gaza political leaders.

The Gaza doctor whose home concealed the bunker, Dr. Rashed Musmar, had been released from prison only two months ago after serving part of a five-year sentence for aiding terrorists. Security forces, who had been seeking the three terrorists for months, stepped up their search after last Thursday's grenade killing of an Israeli soldier on Gaza's main street. At 5 a.m. on Friday a search party making its way down Orabi Street in Gaza's wealthy Rimal quarter entered Dr. Musmar's house at number 38. Surprised to see several cups of still-hot coffee in the empty living room, they rounded up the family, arrested Dr. Musmar, and cleared the house for a more thorough search.

In a corner of the living room the party noticed four door tiles which didn't quite fit. Suspecting these covered a trap-door to the garage located beneath the living room, they knocked, and got a tap in reply. The searchers then called on those below to surrender. When there was no answer, they placed an explosive charge on the tiles and blew the trapdoor open.

The terrorists then opened fire, and the Israeli party fired back and tossed several grenades into the opening. As they exploded, soldiers covering the garage below saw its false back wall collapse, revealing a metre-wide bunker containing three terrorists and a quantity of arms and other equipment, including leaden and duplicating equipment. Two of the terrorists were already dead — PFLP commander al-Asswad, 30, a Shati resident who had been on the wanted list for some time, and his second-in-command, Hannoun, 25. Hayek, the third man, 25, died of his wounds at 8.30 o'clock yesterday morning in Gaza government hospital. But before then he managed to tell security forces that he had thrown the grenade which injured three Israeli soldiers in the Shati refugee camp last Sunday.

He also said that it was Hannoun who had murdered two Gaza political activists — Shati neighbourhood-council chairman Ismail el-Arbitt on February 11 and Gaza Catholic priest Hanna el-Nimri on February 27. Following the first murder, which was accompanied by a PFLP leaflet campaign, the recently elected Gaza neighbourhood councils began announcing that they were suspending operations. The dying terrorist also said that the Gaza grenade attack which killed one Israeli soldier and wounded another last Thursday was the work of other members of the same cell.

In the bunker the search party, which had suffered no casualties, found three Kalashnikov rifles, two pistols, 26 grenades and a Kar Gustav submachinegun. Also found was about 114,500 in Israeli money, an Arabic typewriter and duplicating machine, and enough propaganda leaflets to fill two large sacks. The bunker also contained a sizeable file of correspondence with PFLP headquarters in Lebanon, including reports describing how the men had murdered el-Arbitt and Father el-Nimri as part of their campaign to frighten the Gaza neighbourhood councils into quitting. A PFLP statement issued yesterday in Beirut described al-Asswad as a member of its political bureau and as PFLP commander in Gaza. He and his two "leading comrades" were killed in a clash "following (Continued page 2, col. 6)



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Golan	26	27	15	5	12-20
Nahariya	22	23	12	3	10-18
Safed	22	23	12	3	10-18
Tiberias	25	26	12	3	12-20
Nazareth	26	27	12	3	12-20
Afula	27	28	12	3	12-20
Shomron	29	30	12	3	12-20
Tel Aviv	79	80	18	8	18-25
Lod Airport	59	60	18	8	18-25
Jericho	27	28	12	3	12-20
Gaza	79	80	18	8	18-25
Beersheba	34	35	18	8	18-25
Elit	12	13	12	3	12-20
Tiran Straits	31	32	18	8	18-25

Social and Personal

General Herman Nicholson, an adviser to U.S. President Nixon, on Thursday called on Tourism Minister Moshe Koi in Jerusalem.

The foundation meeting of the Association of Former Berlin Residents elected Dr. Max Fleisch as President and Mr. F. A. Lewinson as chairman of the Association. Both are from Tel Aviv.

ARRIVALS

The Greek composer and singer, Mikis Theodorakis, from Cyprus, to continue his appearances in Israel after a one-night stand in Beirut.

Dr. George Wise, Chancellor of Tel Aviv University, from the U.S. (by El Al), Prof. Zvi Yarels, head of the History Department at Tel Aviv University, after lecturing at several American universities (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

The Mayor of Jenin, Ahmed Sa'adi, to Jordan, to see about the transfer of blocked municipal funds (via the Jordan bridges).

Leon Dutovitch, Executive Director of the Zionist Organization of America, after several weeks' visit (by El Al).

Dr. L. Hamori, editor of "Svenska Dagbladet", with the Keren Hayesod Young Leader group (by El Al).

Memorial services for unknown soldier

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan will be the main speaker at a ceremony on Jerusalem's Har Herzl at 2 o'clock this afternoon in memory of Israel's unknown soldiers.

The observance will honour 111 missing soldiers of the 1948-49 War of Independence, three men missing from the 1956 Sinai campaign, three men lost in enemy territory, eight missing from the Six-Day War, 18 reported missing when the destroyer Eilat was sunk in 1967, 69 who went down with the submarine Dakar in 1968, 12 missing since the Six-Day War, one man whose disappearance is unexplained, and some 200 men lost at sea while serving in the British Army during World War II.

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Rabin: Relations with U.S. never better

Israel's outgoing Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, said on Friday Israel-U.S. relations were "better than ever before." Prime Minister Golda Meir's special relationship with President Nixon had set a "firm basis of understanding at the start of the President's second term of office," he said.

Speaking in an interview on Israel TV broadcast from Washington on the eve of his departure for home, he stressed his own personal share in the present good relationship between Jerusalem and Washington.

(Ambassador Rabin left Washington yesterday on his way to Israel. He is likely to travel home on the same plane with Prime Minister Golda Meir. Mr. Avner Idan will be Israel Charge d'Affaires in Washington until Simha Dinitz assumes the post of Ambassador at the end of the month.)

Mr. Rabin thought the White House spokesman's statement that U.S. economic and military aid to Israel would continue summed up one of the significant points of the March 1 meeting between President Nixon and Premier Meir.

Cautioning against hopes for a quick Middle East settlement, Mr. Rabin advised Israelis to recognize the fact that the Israel-Arab conflict would be drawn out and that one has to learn to live with it. "We ought to take a deep breath and have patience, no matter how reluctant we are to accept the existing state of affairs," he said.

LAST MEETINGS

On the other hand, Israel should not be apprehensive of an imposed settlement. The U.S., he said, had learned the lesson that local disputes cannot be solved without the active participation of the parties directly concerned. "Israel is strong enough, both in the region and the U.S., to be able to stick to its position," Mr. Rabin held.

To illustrate the special relationship he had with the White House, Mr. Rabin recalled how, during the September 1970 crisis in Jordan and the Syrian invasion of Jordan, the President's National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, called him in New York late in the evening and sent a special plane to bring him to Washington to be able to attend urgent consultations at the White House that night.

Though reluctant to discuss his plans for the future, Mr. Rabin said he would definitely seek to be directly involved in the country's "political responsibility," as he had been during the past nine years both as Chief of Staff and as Ambassador in Washington. "I prefer entering politics because I would like to influence political developments, and not merely take part in decision making," he said.

On Friday Mr. Rabin met with U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers and Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco, for talks marking the end of his tour of duty.

U.S. grant of \$50m. to help immigrants

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — An agreement giving Israel a grant of \$50m. was signed here Friday, the Agency for International Development announced.

The grant would help Israel in resettling immigrants, including many from the Soviet Union, A.I.D. official John Hannah said.

The grant will be in the form of dollar-financing to help Israel purchase a variety of industrial, scientific, and business equipment from the U.S.

Departing Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin signed the agreement for Israel in a ceremony at the State Department. Dr. Hannah signed for the U.S.

The \$50m. is in addition to the \$515m. in military and economic aid Israel is reported to be seeking.

B'nai B'rith heads plant trees, visit Scopus

Nearly 300 B'nai B'rith leaders, here for the meeting of the organization's International Board of Governors, on Friday visited the new Hillel House, under construction on Mount Scopus, and attended a tree-planting ceremony in the Martyrs' Forest in Kessalon.

The new Hillel House is designed to serve as a focus of extra-curricular activities, replacing the old House on Rehov Balfour in Jerusalem. The visitors also toured the entire campus.

At the B'nai B'rith Martyrs' Forest, the delegates convened around the Scroll of Fire Monument, to hear their Israeli chairman, Louis Barnett, introduce JNF world chairman Ya'akov Tsur as "one of B'nai B'rith's staunchest members and supporters, who would soon bring to our ranks the honour of seeing one of our most loyal members ascend to the exalted post of the next President of Israel."

The ceremony ended with 25 members of the delegation planting 25 trees, in honour of Israel's 25th anniversary.

The Board of Governors' meeting is scheduled to open tonight at the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv. Premier Golda Meir was to have addressed the conference, but her appearance has been postponed. Transport Minister Shimon Peres is replacing her.

MASKED BANDITS ROB MILKMAN

TEL AVIV. — A 63-year-old milkman from Herzliya complained to police Friday that he had been set upon and robbed by three masked men.

Avraham Rothstein said he was on his way home when a Sussita car stopped next to him and three masked men emerged. They took his day's take, IL240, and disappeared.

Police later found a car answering Mr. Rothstein's description abandoned on a side road. It had been stolen earlier in the day from a Herzliya resident.

One suspect, a man of 20 from Herzliya, was arrested. (Itim)

Cotton factory swept by fire

TEL AVIV. — Fire swept through the cotton wool factory just off Rehov Eilat in Jaffa on Friday night. Firemen managed to save all the machines but the entire stock of cotton went up in flames.

Damage is estimated at tens of thousands of pounds.

Fire Chief Aharon Ankorian said that everything pointed to the fact that the fire had been set by children.

The factory, which belonged to Mr. Ya'acov Sheppa, was not insured. (Itim)

Jordan runaway boy seeks refuge here

TIBERIAS. — A 14-year-old boy from Shuni village in Jordan crossed the Jordan River near Ashdod Ya'acov at noon on Friday. He was taken in custody by kibbutz members working in the fields, and taken to the Tiberias police.

He said he had run away from home after his father had murdered his mother, and he feared for his own life. He hoped to find shelter in Israel.

The police are continuing the investigation, and may return him to Jordan.

Pincus doesn't want Ministry's functions

TEL AVIV. — Mr. Arye Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, on Friday flatly rejected the idea of transferring the functions of the Ministry of Absorption back to the Jewish Agency.

The luncheon speaker of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists at Beit Sokolov on Friday, Mr. Pincus remarked that the Jewish Agency would have come up against the same difficulties in handling absorption as the Ministry has — a lack of executive powers. It being in the nature of things, however, that absorption depended on various ministries and agencies, Mr. Pincus suggested the establishment of a "brains trust" that would represent all concerned.

"The Ministry of Absorption is so busy with its daily chores that it has no time to plan ahead," Mr. Pincus said.

Moscow U. lecturer: No bias against Jews in Russia

There is no discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union, Vera Sukhanova, a Moscow University lecturer, asserted on an Israeli Radio English-language broadcast yesterday.

Madame Sukhanova heads a three-woman delegation from the U.S.S.R. at the World Democratic Women's Day Conference, sponsored by the Communist-affiliated Israel Organization of Democratic Women.

It is not true, she said, that tens of thousands of Jews wish to leave the Soviet Union, where they enjoy the same rights as all other minority groups. Asked why tens of thousands have, in fact, left, she explained that, after all, only "three tens of thousands" have gone, and many Russian Jews have relatives in Israel whom they wished to join.

Since this is the case, asked her interviewer, why does the Government there not let the Jews leave freely? But it does, was the answer. The Government poses no obstacles in the way of those who want to leave. It is only right for it to ask for some compensation for the investment it makes in giving free education to people.

Several recent arrivals from the U.S.S.R., however, had a different story to tell when they met with members of the Austrian Parliamentary delegation here as guests of the Histadrut over the weekend.

The delegates, headed by the vice-president of the House, Otto Probst, interviewed, among others, the wives of two Jews being held in Soviet prison camps for more than a year. The two, Ella Kukuy and Polina Kornbluth, said they have not been permitted to communicate with their husbands, and the prisoners were not allowed to receive visits from any relatives. Mrs. Kukuy asked the Austrian MP's to intercede on her behalf, and try, at least, to help re-establish her communications with her husband.

Asked why she left to go to Israel instead of staying near her husband, Mrs. Kukuy said: "Here, at least, I can ask you to help. There I could do nothing."

Israeli plan to be used to aid Managua quake-victims

LOD AIRPORT. — The Inter-American Bank has accepted in principle a plan drawn up by an Israeli team for rehabilitating the refugees from Managua, Nicaragua's capital which was badly damaged in an earthquake in mid-December.

Arye Eliav, M.K., who returned Friday after heading a team of Israeli experts sent to Managua to survey the damage, said the plan calls for rehabilitating most of the refugees in the rural towns to which they fled, at a cost of \$600m. If the plan should get final approval, an Israeli team would go there for several years.

When the Israelis arrived, Mr. Eliav said, they found other groups of experts on the scene — from the U.S., Mexico, and other countries — who had been there several weeks but had not yet begun to formulate a plan.

The Israeli plan called for turning the refugees' asylum-towns into "development towns" in which they would find their new homes. The other experts expressed surprise at the speed with which the plan was produced.

(Mr. Eliav, with a similar team, helped the victims of an earthquake in Iran, 10 years ago.)

Discotheque burned 5 held for arson

NAHARIYA. — Only 48 hours after a grenade was thrown at the home of Yosef Vanune, a local café-owner, a discotheque of which he is part owner was set ablaze.

The Magistrate's Court ordered five men remanded on Friday, on suspicion of setting the fire which caused IL70,000 worth of damage to the Nahariya Nights discotheque. On Wednesday six other men were remanded in the grenade throwing case. (The grenade exploded on the balcony, causing no injuries and only slight damage.)

The men arrested in the arson case are: Morris and Meir Rabu, of Ramle; Pinhas Cohen; Shimon Elkayam; and Haim Libertie, all of Haifa. Both the arson and the grenade incident are believed by police to be connected with a dispute among Nahariya's café owners.

A THUNDERFLASH exploded on the building site of the new bus station in Tel Aviv on Friday. An Arab worker who admitted setting it off said that he had found the detonator and exploded it while playing with it.

Soldier wounded mysteriously

TEL AVIV. — A Herzliya soldier found lying Friday night in front of the Kfar Saba hospital with a bullet in the buttocks told police yesterday he didn't know how he came to be injured.

The unnamed soldier, aged 19, said he had been passing Ben Shefer park in Herzliya on Friday when he suddenly felt that he had been hit. People in a passing car took him to Meir hospital in Kfar Saba and left him in its front yard, he explained.

The bullet has been removed. Police are checking the story out.

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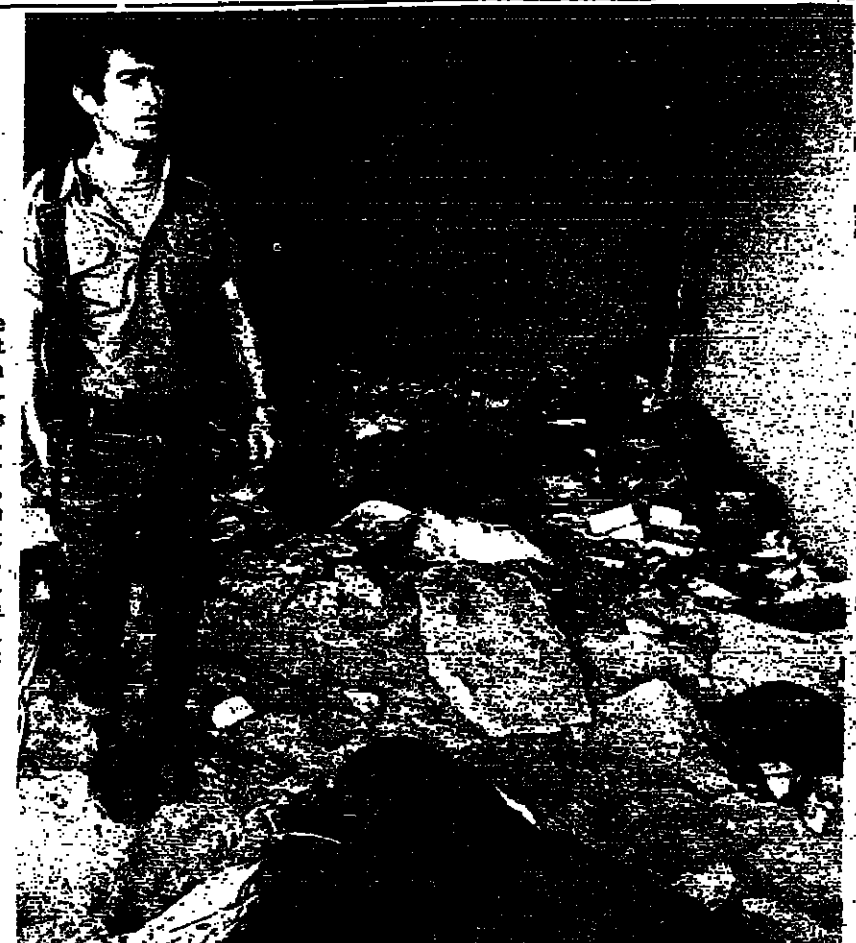
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Israel soldier stands in ruins of PFLP terrorist command bunker destroyed in the garage of a Gaza house on Friday morning. The three top PFLP terrorists in Gaza were killed in the clash with security forces. (Israel Sun)

Gaza terrorists

(Continued from page one)

daring operations by our heroic revolutionaries in the Gaza Strip inflicting heavy losses on the enemy Zionist forces," the Marxist organization's statement said.

Security circles were deeply satisfied by the operation, which removed three of the twelve men on the wanted list. But they cautioned that it did not necessarily mean the end of all terrorist activity in Gaza and noted that the Gaza PFLP had suffered a similar crippling blow last summer.

A senior officer in the Gaza military government, declaring yesterday over Gali Zahal that the counter-terror watch would have to be maintained, noted that al-Awwad had already served a jail term in Gaza for terrorism. The terrorist had returned via Lebanon after taking a sabotage course in China, he said.

Other military sources noted that terrorism in Gaza, culminated more than a year ago, had revived as a result of reinforcement received from neighbouring Arab states during last year's summer visits programme. But they said they believed the Gaza terrorists were now very low on arms.

All during Friday dozens of curious Gazans were to be seen at the site of the blasted bunker in the Rimal quarter, which was also visited at noon on Friday by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. Observers said this marked a change, as in the past Gazans have avoided the sites of terrorist clashes. News of the action was rather well received, one Gazan saying "If they were really responsible for the murders then they got what they deserved."

The occupant of the bunker-house, Dr. Musmar, was director of Gaza's Nasser Hospital until he was sentenced two years ago to a five-year jail term for hiding terrorists in the hospital. After repeated appeals by Gaza notables, he was released two months ago by newly-ap-

pointed Gaza Military Governor Tat-Aluf Avraham Orly, after promising to keep clear of terrorists. It is expected that the house, which is located only about 300 metres from the military government headquarters, will be blown up. Rimal quarter residents have asked that it be permitted to stand, since it belongs not to Dr. Musmar, but to Abdel Karim el-Surani, a former Gazan who now works for the U.N. in Burma. But Tat-Aluf Orly reportedly asked them where they were while terrorists were entering and leaving the building for over two months.

Meanwhile, it was reported that a Hebron area resident was wounded in an unrelated incident on Friday. A resident of Beit Ayya village was shot by an army patrol after he began running away and failed to heed orders to stop. The man was flown by helicopter to hospital, where he was reported yesterday out of danger.

Victim of terrorists' grenade buried

TEL AVIV. — The funeral of private Yitzhak Feldman, of Ramat Gan, who was killed by a hand-grenade in Gaza Thursday, was held at the Kiryat Shaul Military Cemetery Friday.

The military funeral ended with a three-shot volley by Feldman's platoon. (Itim)

Three bank robbery suspects detained

TEL AVIV. — Three suspects were picked up by police Thursday night in connection with the Ramat Yitzhak Bank Hapolim robbery late Thursday afternoon.

The three are residents of Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan, aged 19 to 26.

Two masked men held up the bank and got away with IL28,000.

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EBAN TO B'NAI B'RITH:

Allowance has to be made for Arab rights

TEL AVIV. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday said that in his quest for peace, Israel has to balance its historical rights with the rights of other peoples in the region. And Israel's rights to peace have to be paramount, he said.

He was speaking before the Board of Governors of the B'nai B'rith at the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Eban opposed the annexation of all Arab territory that Israel now administers for fear that it would thus include a large, hostile Arab population within its borders. On the other hand, the pre-1967 borders have to be changed to ensure Israel's security, he said.

Israel, he said, has to steer between the extremes of the Arab call for full withdrawal on the one hand and aggressive demands for large tracts of Arab lands on the other. It has to make maximal provision for allowing Arabs under Israeli rule to determine their Arab destiny.

The emphasis in this speech, as in the speech delivered in Haifa on March 2, was on the need to recognize that allowance has to be made for legitimate Arab aspirations. In both speeches the Foreign Minister appeared to be aiming to establish a distinct, personal image during an election year.

"We must avoid the imprudence which would lead us back to the fragility of the armistice lines. But they must be changed in such a manner as to ensure our security and to prevent future wars," he said.

"That is why the general consensus is not to commit ourselves to the annexation in their totality of the administered territories, with a million Arabs brought under Israeli rule against their will," he added. "This is what we would like our neighbors to understand."

He praised American friendship towards Israel and added that he

cause of U.S. supplies "we no longer live in an atmosphere of not knowing where the next aircraft or tank are coming from." He quoted Jordan's King Hussein's evaluation of Israeli firepower as being the greatest per capita in the world, and called it "an accurate and lucid appraisal."

Following Prime Minister Meir's visit to Washington, the U.S. and Israel shared "a partnership in an atmosphere of alliance." Washington had reaffirmed its backing for Israel, including keeping it strong militarily.

The "agreed principles" with the U.S., he said, were "support for the cease-fire, the strengthening of the balance of power and the agreed positions against pressure" on Israel to settle the Middle East crisis.

He said the "only significant development" to emerge from the trip was the U.S. King Hussein and Egypt's Presidential adviser, Hafez Ismail, was an indication that those two countries and Israel agreed that "Washington is the address" for a dialogue on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

"The role of the U.S. as a potential user of good offices has been strengthened," he said. He said neither he nor Mrs. Meir believed reports that American policy towards Israel may have taken a turn for the worse because of the shooting down of the Libyan airliner.

Earlier, in a radio interview, Mr. Eban warned Israeli diplomatic missions abroad to take the most stringent security measures against possible attacks by Arab terrorists. Following their recent failures, they were liable to attempt desperate measures to strike at Israeli representatives abroad.

He urged the missions to cooperate fully with the local police and security services in tightening their security. The meeting at the Sheraton was presided over by David Blumberg, of Tennessee, International President of B'nai B'rith. (Tm)

Kollek reaffirms call for Arab self-rule

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek called again last week for Arab self-government in Jerusalem. Addressing a visiting B'nai B'rith delegation Thursday night at the Israel Museum, Mr. Kollek said that, despite their improved economic condition and the freedom the city's Arabs enjoy, they still regard themselves as a conquered people. "You can't live in a city like this if the Arabs don't run their own affairs," he said.

This could be done, he suggested, either by having Arab and Jewish boroughs or by giving the Arabs overall control of their educational system and other affairs. Mr. Kollek said, however, that such an arrangement would not be practical at this time. The Arabs would regard it as collaboration, and any Arab willing to stand for the Municipal Council ran the risk of being killed by terrorists, he said.

Mr. Kollek said the Arabs required not just equal rights as individuals but as an ethnic group. He noted that Israel was demanding that Jews in the Soviet Union be granted rights not just as individuals but as Jews. "We have no moral standing to ask for these things if we are not willing to carry them out in Jerusalem," he said.

The Mayor suggested that Israel offend Arab sensitivities unnecessarily. "We sometimes rub our history in too much. The city is being to say it six times a day — 'We are Jews'."

Mr. Kollek did not spell out his point, but there has been criticism here this time over the planned military parade through Jerusalem on Independence Day. When an American woman said that separate but equal schooling for the U.S. perpetuated divisions, Mr. Kollek said divided communities was the tradition of the Middle East and everybody prepared to that way. "An Armenian wants to stay an Armenian and a Jew wants to stay a Jew. We want to stay divided. It's like balance in nature, this balance between communities."

Mr. Kollek said the city would be poorer if the Arabs or any other racial communities disappeared. "We should encourage

them to persevere," he said. While maintaining this mosaic of separate communities, Mr. Kollek said, there were still meeting points such as youth clubs and sports grounds where contact is made.

He revealed that a plan was being formulated for keeping private cars out of the centre of the city, with parking lots being developed on the fringes. Asked about high-rise buildings, the Mayor said they were necessary in order to maintain a compact city and prevent suburbs from crawling over "beautiful, empty hills which should remain empty."

LYING PROPAGANDA — The Mayor reacted sharply when asked to explain the eviction of slum dwellers from Yemin Moshe and the sale of their former dwellings to wealthy persons. Mr. Kollek termed "lying propaganda" the charge that the move had caused the slum dwellers to become burdened with debts. The compensation paid them, he said, was five or six times the compensation normally paid in urban renewal programs.

The reason they entered into debt, he said, was that they preferred to buy their own apartments whereas they had not owned their Yemin Moshe apartments. The Yemin Moshe charges were first raised in a report by Hebrew University social work students who had carried out a study under the direction of Dr. Eliezer Yaffe, a senior lecturer and formerly director of the Municipality's Department of Family and Community Services. As a result of the report, Mr. Kollek said, people slated for evacuation have been making greater compensation demands. He termed the study "immature" and said a great deal of damage had been caused by it. "All improvement schemes in Jerusalem will probably have to be suspended for a while," Mr. Kollek said. The Mayor had dismissed Dr. Yaffe from his Municipal post last spring.

165 WORKS OF ART by school children, on the theme "Jerusalem, my city and beautiful city," will be displayed in the Jerusalem Theatre from today. The works were chosen from among 450 submitted by pupils of 51 schools in West and East Jerusalem in a contest sponsored by the Jerusalem Women's Committee.



Shabtai Hirschberg, the soldier wounded by an unknown assailant in Shu'afat on Thursday night, recuperating in Hadassah Hospital. (Bahamin Tisraeli)

11 JDL members on trial for anti-mission acts

Eleven members of the Jewish Defence League, including two girls, were charged Friday with attacking Christian missionary institutions. Two of the suspects — JDL secretary Yosef Schneider and Joel Lerner — were remanded by the District Court until trial. A 12th suspect, a girl who was alleged to have taken part in the attacks, turned State's evidence, and was not charged.

The group, the charges stated, was organized by Schneider at Lerner's request. On the morning of February 6, several members of the group from the Tel Aviv area allegedly met in Jerusalem with local members, and after a short briefing went to the Lapid Christian bookshop and to the International Centre for the Holy Scriptures on Mount of Olives.

Those who went to Lapid could do nothing, as the place was guarded by police. The other group, however, went into the International Centre, set books and files on fire, and attacked one of the employees when she tried to phone police, the charges say.

An appeal against the order remanding Schneider and Lerner will be heard Tuesday by Supreme Court Justice Shimon Agranat. Schneider, along with JDL leader Rabbi Meir Kahane and former Irgun officer Amichai Paglin, is also awaiting trial in connection with an attempt to smuggle arms abroad. (Tm)

New chairman of Bank Leumi Board

TEL AVIV. — Mr. Mendes H. Sachs, General Manager of Mehadrin, the citrus fruit cultivation company, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bank Leumi. He will take up his duties on May 1. Dr. Ernst Lehmann, the present chairman, told a Board meeting at the end of the week that he was stepping down May 1. He agreed to continue as a member of the Board.

Mr. Sachs, born in America, came to Israel in 1931. He has been a member of the Board of Bank Leumi for the past 20 years.

Eilat, at 24, to give Freedom of City to Golda

By SHEILA MELTZER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — Highlight of the week-long festivities marking Eilat's 24th anniversary this week will be bestowal of freedom of Israel's southernmost city to Prime Minister Golda Meir.

The capture of Eilat, which was the final military operation of the War of Independence, took place in March 1949. While the rest of Israel is celebrating its 29th Anniversary this year, Eilat is only 24. Nevertheless, the city fathers decided to lay on a week of festivities as a "rehearsal" for next year's grand celebrations of the City's Silver Jubilee.

The celebrations started officially with yesterday morning's Sabbath prayers at Eilat's Central Synagogue, followed by an evening of traditional and Hasidic songs by the Cantor Benjamin Ungar. During the rest of the week there will be open exhibitions of paintings by the children of Eilat; a big display of military equipment by the Army,

Suspects freed in stabbing of soldier in Shu'afat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police over the weekend released two East Jerusalem Arabs who were detained Thursday night for questioning in connection with an attack on a soldier hitchhiker in Shu'afat, a suburb just north of town. The two were the only detainees held shortly after the incident.

The 19-year-old soldier, Shabtai Hirschberg, was stabbed four times. He escaped serious injury, however. The unknown assailants made away in the darkness with the soldier's Uzi sub-machinegun.

The young soldier was on the highway running through Shu'afat at the time of the attack. An army girl driver happened to pass by shortly after the incident and rushed him to Hadassah Hospital.

Jerusalem Council to air controversial play

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipal Executive divided Friday over the question of whether the show "Status Quo Vadis" should be permitted to be shown at the Municipal-owned Beit Ha'am Theatre. It decided to pass the question on to the Municipal Council for discussion.

The play, which deals with religious coercion, had been rejected by Deputy Mayor Rabbi Shear Yishuv Cohen, who holds the culture portfolio on the Municipal Council. Supporting him were the other religious members of the executive who said they found the show's contents, as reported in the press, offensive.

Mayor Teddy Kollek said that it had been agreed during a similar dispute several years ago that the Municipality would permit any show to be performed at Beit Ha'am that had been approved by the Film and Theatre Censorship Board. "Status Quo Vadis," a production of the Haifa Municipal Theatre, has been so approved.

Councilman Emanuel Zissman of

Airliner survivors, in Cairo, tell of rockets

CAIRO (Reuters). — Two survivors of the Libyan airliner shot down over Sinai two weeks ago said here Thursday that rockets fired by Israeli jets hit a number of passengers and sent their plane crashing in flames. "It was a terrible nightmare," one of them said.

The two survivors, Faisal al-Sharrel, an Egyptian waiter, and Fathi Jaballah, a Libyan mechanic, were speaking to reporters at an air force hospital just outside Cairo. They were taken there after crossing the Suez Canal earlier in the day at Kantara. The exchange was arranged by the International Red Cross.

There were only seven survivors from the airliner's 113 passengers and crew. But one of them, 33-year-old Abu Baker, a Libyan, died in an Israeli hospital in Beersheba last week.

Mr. Jaballah said he thought the plane was flying over Cairo Airport when suddenly "I saw Israeli aircraft shooting at us. Our plane was hit by rockets. Many passengers were injured."

He said he then fainted and later found himself in hospital. He said he had refused to talk to Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan when the latter visited the survivors at Beersheba Hospital.

Mr. Sharrel told reporters that "we thought the plane was preparing to land at Cairo Airport. We saw an Israeli plane on our right. I was scared. The Israeli plane shot at us. Then another came and opened fire. A number of passengers were hit."

Frightened passengers left their seats while Israeli rockets were piercing the plane's fuselage, Mr. Sharrel said. "Before crashing, the aircraft became a flying inferno. It

Request to launch an enquiry to be heard today

The High Court of Justice will today hear a request that it order the Government to institute an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the downing of the Libyan airliner in Sinai February 21.

A Jerusalemite, Moshe Gabball, a student of physics at the Hebrew University, asserted that he thought the order given to shoot the plane down had been illegal and that the Government's refusal to appoint a committee of enquiry only added to the confusion. His case was brought by Amnon Zikhrony, who, Gabball said, was the only lawyer prepared to represent him without fee. (Tm)

Water skiing co-existence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — The Israel Water-Skiing Association will be participating in the International Water-Skiing Competitions this spring for the first time — competing with Jordan, in the Bay of Eilat.

This novel arrangement of sporting co-existence was revealed in Eilat this week by the spokesman of the Israeli organization, Mano Greenberg.

The arrangements for the competition were made at the International Water-Skiing Congress held recently in Austria. The Israeli and Jordanian delegates agreed that each team will fulfill the required skiing manoeuvres on its own side of the border, with the results of both being sent to the international headquarters for judging in June. With good binoculars, spectators will be able to watch the peaceful "battle" from the beaches of Eilat and Akaba.

India subscribes to Egyptian view

NEW DELHI (AP). — India yesterday called for Israel to vacate territory captured during the 1967 Middle East war.

In a joint communique issued at the end of a three-day official visit by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Hassan al-Zayyat, the two governments outlined their respective positions on various issues.

The communique said Zayyat informed India of "Egypt's determination to achieve a just solution to the West Asian problem." It added that "India fully appreciated and supported Egypt's efforts to this end and reiterated the necessity for the evacuation of Arab territories occupied by Israeli aggression, as demanded in the Security Council resolution of November 1967, and for the restoration of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian People."

800 EMPLOYEES of Unrwa in the Nabulus area held a one-day warning strike yesterday. They want the relief organization to pay them the post-dollar devaluation differential between the dinar and the Israeli pound.



'Death to Arab who makes peace with Israel'

BEIRUT (AP). — Al Fatah has threatened to assassinate "in a matter of hours" any Arab head of state who signs a peace agreement with Israel.

The threat was made by Fatah's Central Committee member Hani al-Hassan at a student rally at the American University of Beirut Friday.

"This is the resolution of the Palestinian Resistance: any Arab leader who signs agreements with Israel at the expense of the Palestinian people will be shot," al-Hassan said.

The rally was organized in support of the terrorist movements against a campaign by Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiry to restrict their activities in Arab countries.

The students shouted protests against King Hussein of Jordan for approving death sentences on 20 Palestinian guerrillas charged with attempting to overthrow his regime.

Hassan's threat came three days after an unidentified woman claiming to be a member of Black September was quoted in Paris as saying Egyptian President Anwar Sadat would die in three days if he signed a peace with Israel.

Algeria to ban hijacking

ALGIERS (Reuters). — Algeria is planning to ban the hijacking of airliners and economic spying under an amendment to the penal code, according to press reports yesterday.

Armed robbery is another crime singled out for tough treatment under the amendment, reviewed this month by the government's "National Consultative Commission" under the chairmanship of Justice Minister Boualem Benhamouda.

Other offences, which were not specified, would be punishable by stiffer penalties than before, the reports said.

The revision of the code was needed "to counter a certain form of criminality so far unknown" in Algeria, they added.

The new measure against air piracy was seen as being prompted by the hijacking of two American airliners to Algiers last summer by black Americans, who have been granted political asylum here.

'Disappointing' turnout on Mt. Hermon slopes

TIBERIAS. — Fewer than 3,000 snow fans visited the Mt. Hermon ski site yesterday. The operators, who were expecting a record crowd in view of the fine weather, were disappointed.

In Haifa the fine weather brought many residents to the bathing beaches, and some braved the water.

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Army offices bombed in Portugal; 2 dead

LISBON (AP). — Portuguese authorities tightened the guard around all military installations yesterday in the wake of at least three bombings which took two lives and wounded eight other persons.

Bombs exploded Friday evening and early yesterday in army administrative offices near the centre of the city.

The two dead were so badly mutilated that officials were unable to identify them more than 12 hours later. Several of the wounded were reported in critical condition.

The latest in the series of blasts ripped an army paymaster's office. The explosion caused extensive damage to the building but first reports said only one person, a night watchman, was injured.

Earlier one explosion tore the

headquarters for recruiting and mobilization records, a building near the Gulbenkian Museum, and another wrecked the army's quarter-master and budget offices in a building near the Ritz Hotel.

One person was killed in each of the earlier explosions. Some sources said one of the victims seemed to be the person who was planting the bomb when it went off.

Officials concluded the bombs were set by subversive groups such as the illegal and clandestine Communist Party.

It was the city's first sign of underground violence since New Year's Day when a series of pamphlet bombs exploded in trash bins in various spots of the city. Three children were injured in those explosions.

U.S. smashes heroin ring operating on astrology

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The U.S. Government yesterday sought the extradition of 17 men from four countries after smashing a giant heroin smuggling ring which used astrology and candle smoke to guide its couriers.

The ring was accused of smuggling 750 kilos of heroin worth \$376m. into the U.S. between 1968 and 1971.

Federal Attorney Robert Morse, announcing four indictments covering 21 persons, said on Friday that the suspects formed one of the world's biggest narcotics smuggling rings.

The principal receiver of the heroin was named as Roberto Arenas, 57, described by Mr. Morse as a high priest of a Cuban-African religious cult called "Santeria."

He was arrested in a six-room Manhattan apartment filled with bones, altars, chicken heads and candles.

Mr. Morse said Arenas consulted the stars and smoke from candles to decide when to have his white-clad followers transport the drug to dealers.

Francois "Marcel" Rossi, 34, of Corsica, was identified as the ring-leader. Rossi, under arrest in Barcelona, is also wanted in France on a murder charge.

Two principal figures in the ring were identified as Jaime Pereira, 37, chief cargo agent for Aerolineas

Argentinas, and Elio Gigante, 39, a steward for Avianca Airlines. Pereira is under arrest in Los Angeles and Gigante is in jail in Brazil.

Three pairs of brothers also figured heavily in the case. Mr. Morse told a press conference.

They are: Esteban and Cesar Melchiorre and Roberto and Eduardo Burns, all Argentine businessmen under arrest in Argentina, and Segundo and Humberto Coronel. Segundo is under arrest in Costa Rica, and his brother is under arrest in Miami.

All suspects face maximum sentences of five to 20 years in jail and \$20,000 fines if convicted.

Two Italians and two Argentinians are still being sought.

Spain, Peking open diplomatic relations

MADRID (Reuters). — Spain will end relations with Taiwan and establish full diplomatic ties with Peking, it was officially announced yesterday.

A statement by the Spanish Foreign Ministry said an agreement to this effect was signed Friday in Peking.

Ambassadors will be exchanged within three months and Spain's diplomatic mission in Taiwan will be closed down before April 10, the statement said.



Peronist candidate Hector Campora delivers a rallying cry during a weekend speech. (AP radiophoto)

Peron's candidate expected to win Argentina vote today

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Ex-President Juan Peron's hand-picked candidate for the presidency is expected to poll the largest number of votes in today's general elections aimed at ending almost seven years of military rule in Argentina.

But indications are that with eight other candidates in the running, 63-year-old Dr. Hector Campora will not get the absolute majority of the popular vote, which he requires to win the presidency outright, and will have to face the runner-up in a French-type second round next month.

In a broadcast to the nation early yesterday incumbent soldier-president Alejandro Lanusse said today was the "hour of truth" for Argentina.

He said the elections would take place "in absolute freedom, without any type of proscription, with the only risk that of misplacing one's vote."

Some 200,000 troops have been mobilized to guard 55,000 polling stations throughout the length and breadth of this South American Republic half the size of Europe.

In a guarded reference to Peronist claims that his military government was doing everything possible to prevent Peron's Justicialista Liberation Front (Frejuli) from winning, General Lanusse, 54, said he would hand over power on May 25 to the winner of the presidential race "whoever he may be."

Dr. Campora's major rival for the presidency is expected to be Ricardo Baloin, 68, the candidate of the left-of-centre Radical Party which was in power from 1963 until the military ousted President Arturo Illia and took over in June, 1966.

About 14 million voters are eligible to go to the polls in the first general elections since the year 1916 was elected, and an estimated 3.5 million will be casting ballots for the first time in their lives.

Although the voting age is 18, many of the new voters have three or more children, since hardly anybody under 27 has ever been able to vote because of the military dictatorship.

A top-level Egyptian delegation headed by Sayed Marel, first secretary of Egypt's Arab Socialist Union, left Rumania yesterday after a four-day official visit, the Rumanian news agency Agerpres reported. The delegation is explaining Egypt's latest thinking on the Middle East situation to East European governments.

KLM again bans French flights after near-accident

AMSTERDAM (AP). — The Royal Dutch Airlines — KLM — yesterday suspended all services to and across France after an incident near Le Bourget in which the airline said two flights came "closer together than is permitted under normal circumstances."

The action came less than 24 hours after KLM authorized a resumption of flights over France where military air-traffic controllers have replaced striking civilians.

The airline said although there was no direct danger and the KLM captain did not have to take evasive measures, the incident was sufficient for KLM to decide on another suspension.

At least 35 airlines suspended service to and from France last week after a mid-air collision between two Spanish airliners claimed the lives of 68 passengers.

Striking French air-controllers have accused the government of suppressing evidence in the Spanish airliner tragedy. The accident occurred after the military air-controllers replaced the striking civilians.

The air-controllers have also decided to continue their 18-day walk-out until at least Tuesday, when they will meet with government officials again.

Pentagon papers 'of no value to enemy' — Bundy

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Former U.S. Presidential Adviser McGeorge Bundy testified Friday that three key volumes of the Pentagon Papers would have been of no use to an enemy in 1969 when Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo copied them because they reflected the policies of a president who was no longer in office.

Bundy said the three sections of the top-secret Pentagon study of the Vietnam War told of President Lyndon B. Johnson's secret war policies and by 1969 Johnson had been succeeded by President Nixon.

The enemy would know, said Bundy, "there is no way of predicting the behaviour of President Nixon from a close study of President Johnson."

Similarly, he said an enemy today would be more interested in the behaviour of Henry Kissinger than of Bundy, who held the same post as Kissinger in the Johnson Administration.

Directly contradicting the words of U.S. Government witnesses who had placed high value on the volumes and labelled their release as potentially dangerous to America, Bundy said their only value is historical.

"These documents are best read and understood not as intelligence documents, not as authoritative accounts of our most senior people... but as a first cut of history recorded in unusual circumstances which make these documents of much more historical interest by 1969 than of operational interest."

Belfast riots follow Ulster referendum

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI). — Protestants and Roman Catholics fought rock-throwing battles in Belfast yesterday in the wake of the referendum giving an overwhelming majority for Northern Ireland remaining British.

Gunmen in a red truck shot a 23-year-old Protestant in the stomach as British troops drove a flying wedge between rioters in Northern Belfast's Whitwell suburb.

In Portadown, southwest of Belfast, police found a 32-year-old Catholic shot in the chest in a parked car in what they said was an assassination attempt.

Both men were in serious condition, police said.

Troops came under fire in Catholic areas of Belfast, in one exchange reporting hitting a gunman. The commander of an army patrol suffered cuts and bruises when he was knocked down by a car that ran a traffic checkpoint.

The violence erupted after the

announcement of the results of Thursday's referendum on whether mainly Protestant Northern Ireland should remain British or unite with the heavily Catholic Irish Republic. With the vast majority of Catholics boycotting the poll at the urging of their leaders, the result was 591,820 votes for remaining British and only 6,468 for joining with the Republic.

Brian Faulkner, premier of Ulster until Britain imposed direct rule a year ago, called the outcome "tremendous."

But Catholic leaders said the referendum was a "disaster" for Protestants because less than 50 per cent of Ulster's population had voted for remaining British.

In Dublin, outgoing Irish Premier Jack Lynch called the referendum "unnecessary, irrelevant and completely predictable." His Fianna Fail Party's spokesman on Northern Affairs, Fitchie Ryan, called it "a futile and possibly dangerous."

Husband 'cements' affair between wife, best friend

BERGEN, Norway (AP). — The husband who found his wife in bed with another man played it cool and handed out a stiff punishment recently.

Newspapers in Bergen, Western Norway, told the story of a 26-year-old truck driver (name withheld by request) who worked a late night shift on his concrete-mixer truck.

On his way from the cement factory to a construction site in the Bergen suburb, he drove past his house and spotted his best friend's car parked outside.

Wondering why his friend had dropped in at that late hour, the driver stopped and went inside. No one downstairs. The husband sneaked upstairs and listened at the bedroom door.

There was no doubt as to what was going on.

Instead of rushing in to claim his revenge, the husband calmly walked downstairs and went out to his truck, loaded with five tons of wet concrete.

Without a sound, he removed the top of his friend's convertible, drove the mixer close to the buggy and poured two cubic metres of concrete into it — very slowly to ensure that doors and windows sustained the pressure.

Then he drove downtown to pick up a new load.

When the unfaithful friend left the house, he found his car filled up with very stiff concrete, and 5.5 tons heavier.

Police said the friend did not want to report what had happened to his car, but the car insurance company made him do it.

Lindsay expected to run for N.Y. governor

WASHINGTON (AP). — New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay, having announced he will not seek reelection, is widely expected to challenge Governor Nelson Rockefeller for political control of New York State in 1974.

Lindsay, a national figure in the Democratic Party, will have the option of going after two of the state's leading Republicans after his term as mayor of America's biggest city ends on December 31.

Rockefeller is considered certain to seek re-election to a fifth term as governor and Senator Jacob K. Javits will bid for a third term.

Lindsay is unlikely to take on Senator Javits, who has been one of his most steadfast supporters.

But the mayor has had a running feud with Republican Rockefeller since he took over the mayor's post and when Lindsay himself was a member of the Republican Party.

Lindsay switched from the Republicans in the summer of 1971 because he said he felt more comfortable in the Democratic Party.

So the expectation now is that Lindsay will concentrate on building a campaign for Governor next year — and if he should win, make a new try for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1976.

Most New York City political leaders believed it was highly doubtful that Lindsay could mount another winning campaign in the city.

Lindsay, in announcing he will leave the mayor's office after eight tumultuous years, significantly pointed to a future political role for himself in New York State when he said:

"I intend to continue to fight for progressive, independent government for New York... and expect to be an active, positive force for good government in the affairs of this city and state, and in the Democratic Party, for many years to come."

Governor Rockefeller, who is 64, is widely expected to embark on a quest for the Republican presidential nomination if he should be re-elected.

CAST — A 51-year-old Italian woman has lost the use of an arm because she never returned to her doctor to have him remove a plaster cast he put on her for a tendon injury four years ago.

South African police killed 94 'in line of duty'

CAPE TOWN (Reuters). — South African police shot and killed 91 adults and three juveniles during the course of their duties in 1972, Folk Minister Lourens Mulder told Parliament yesterday.

Figures for the previous year were 52 adults and two juveniles, he said in answer to a question.

Most of the people killed last year were Africans — 77 — and only three of the remainder were white. The other 14 were coloureds (people of mixed race).

The three under 18 were two coloureds and an African.

A further 299 people were wounded by police, 14 of them juveniles, and again, the majority were non-whites — 237 Africans, 52 coloureds and 10 whites.

Peruvian president has leg amputated

LIMA (Reuters). — Peruvian President Juan Velasco Alvarado had his right leg amputated just above the knee in a military hospital here Friday night, an official bulletin said.

General Velasco, 62, leads the leftist military government which seized power in the Pacific Coast republic in October, 1968.

The bulletin said the amputation was necessary because of "a circulatory deficiency which became worse in the past few hours."

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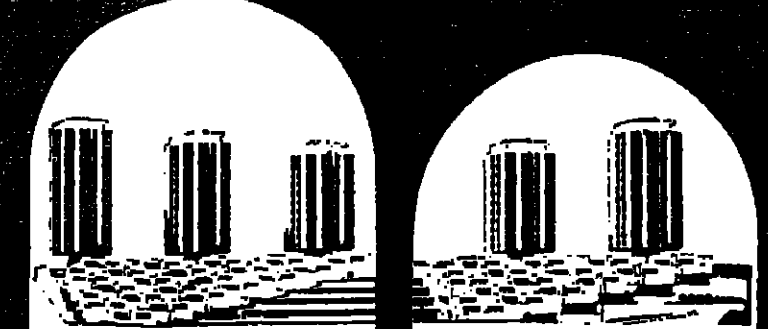
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J'lem Hapoel hoopsters beat Betar 83:74 in capital derby

Top individual scorer of the day was Gabby Teichner of Nir David-Belit Alpha who netted 41 points in his squad's 99:76 win over Ashdod Yacov Hapoel.

BASKETBALL RESULTS:

Jerusalem Hapoel 88, Jerusalem Betar 74; Ramat Gan Maccabi 105, Megiddo Hapoel 64; Tel Aviv Yagur Hapoel 65, Tel Aviv Maccabi 80; Haifa Maccabi 80, Kiryat Salm Hapoel 61; Tel Aviv Hapoel 57, Givat Brenner-Na'an Hapoel 78; Nir David-Belit Alpha Hapoel 99, Ashdod Yacov Hapoel 76.

Ramat Gan rugby team beats Tel Aviv University

Ramat Gan just had the better of the first half, and their classy centres, Sevel and Shohet, led some dangerous attacks. At the other end, the university's 8th man, Gold, was almost through, after getting under his own short kick and then springing for the line.

U.K. mid-weight champ batters U.S. challenger

quickly replied through their speedy center Goldstein, who picked up a loose ball and made a successful dash for the end. Heched was pushed nicely from wide out, to give his team a 6-3 advantage.

With the exchanges swinging from end to end, Sevel completed a perfect wing-to-wing movement by the Ramal. Gan had with him beautiful Ed E. Rumanian. International Robert had the points and

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Three top clubs score in British soccer chase

Wolverhampton Wanderers stay in sixth place with a 1-1 draw against struggling Crystal Palace who led through Don Rogers before Frank Munro equalised in the second half. Munro was booked by the referee alongside team-mates Danny Hegan and John McAlle, while Palace's Bobby Bell also had his name taken.

BRITISH SOCCER RESULTS
English League Division 1

Birmingham 3, Manchester United 1
Crystal Palace 1, Wolverhampton 1
Ipswich 1, Arsenal 2
Leeds 2, Everton 1
Leicester 0, Derby 0
Liverpool 5, Southampton 2
Manchester City 1, Coventry 2
Newcastle 1, Stoke 0
Sheffield United 0, West Ham 0
Tottenham 3, Norwich 8

West Bromwich 1, Chelsea 1
Division 2
Brighton 2, Huddersfield 1

Burnley 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1
Fulham 1, Carlisle 0
Luton 1, Sunderland 0
Middlesbrough 2, Cardiff 0
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By A.S.I. ACKER

IN those days, of course, things were very different. Life was not easier, but people were more friendly. There was more to grumble about, and less grumbling. I know this is true because, just the other day, I was told so by somebody who lived here then. In those days, small businessmen always paid their taxes in full, nothing was ever smuggled through customs — except for the good of the country — and students never cheated in examinations. But that was 25 years ago.

As you'd expect in a new country (as Israel was then) there were some defects in government organization. The Civil Service was too new, too lacking in manpower to do its job as it should: it might happen that a letter addressed to a government office would receive no answer for a month or more. In those days, there was no one employed by the government to do any planning, so once there was a shortage of eggs, and on another occasion a shortage of vegetables. Under the wartime strain of doing a full day's work, bus drivers were sometimes rude — even to their passengers.

The Jewish Agency had been in business much longer than the government, but even they, in those days, lacked experience in dealing with large-scale immigration. The representative they had on the ship that brought me to Israel didn't inspire confidence at first. His name was Haim Cohen, not the one you know, but another one of the same kind. He was always to be found in the captain's cabin, cleaning his nails with an 18-inch Bowie-knife.

The ship was Panamanian, the crew Turkish, the captain Greek. Perhaps Haim was on board to make sure we didn't end up in the slave markets of Jeddah. Perhaps he was there to see that the passengers didn't jump the ship before it got to Haifa. He had a more positive side too. One of the things he did was to encourage me in the start of my military career.

The ship, a converted coast-guard cutter designed for a crew of 35 or 40, had more than 500 passengers on board. The two main holds had been fitted with bunks, four deep. In one hold there were about 250 immigrants from Morocco, and in the other, about 250 from Rumania. In addition, there were 25 or 30 of us that (I thought) could most easily have been described as being neither Moroccan nor Rumanian.

One had been born in Poland, but had lived in Sweden for many years. One came from Czechoslovakia, with a stop-over in Wales. One or two had almost been born in London, and two of us really did come from Manchester. After we had drifted together and formed our own group, I found I was being described as an Anglo-Saxon. Before getting on that ship, I had never heard of any people applying this description to themselves, or to anyone else now living. If I'd thought of it being used, I would have supposed it referred only to Hengist and Horsa, their family and friends.

In the dining room, which the Anglo-Saxons had taken over, imperialist fashion for their own use, there was a notice about the army: a cavalry patrol unit was just about to be formed in Israel, volunteers were asked to come forward.

Since I had done enough riding to be able to tell one end of a horse from the other, I thought this would suit me fine. I went panting in to Haim, only afraid that the lists were closed. Through an interpreter, Haim assured me that the information was current and correct. It had to be through an interpreter, because, in those days, the Jewish Agency sometimes sent representatives abroad who couldn't speak the languages of the people they were going to meet. Haim knew Hebrew, but he didn't know Arabic, Rumanian or English. But I understood, though, that he personally, with the other end of that very knife he held in his hand, had hammered the notice to the board. Not only that, but, as it happened, the man in charge was one of his best friends. He wrote down the essential details, my mother's first name and the fact that my father had been a bookie, and got me out of the cabin believing everything he said.

It was very well done. Even after 25 years of having it practised on me by experts, I still have a fond memory of this first encounter with this technique. Later I would come to realize it as *Schmuck Special*, a mixture of fact and fiction so skilfully interwoven that not even the artist himself could distinguish one from the other. When ever he saw me after this, he would nod his head and, to show he hadn't forgotten, say, "Hoi sa!" I understood that this was the Hebrew for either, "Gee up!" or "Whoa!"

I was reminded of this later on, when I did my first spell of duty in the reserves: *atdud*, it was called in those days, not

milum, one of the changes in the language that suggests that even Hebrew wasn't as good then as it is now. "What were you?" they asked.

"A sniper," I said. "Well, now you are in the tank corps." They made me second driver, and gave me half a course in gunnery and driving. When I had done my half, I knew how to start a tank, but not how to stop it. "Hoi sa!"

When my turn came round next time and they asked me what I was, I said, "I'm a tank starter." "We are rather short of nurses this year," they said. "How would you like half a course in nursing?" As I was slightly built and underweight and found it hard to carry even an empty stretcher, I did this half a course as a permanent patient. I would have been happy to serve out all my time in the army wrapped up in sterile bandages and borne from camp to camp for nurses to practise on, but, because I had only done half the course, they wouldn't give me a certificate.

But all that wasn't until long after I had joined the cavalry.

After we got off the boat and into the camp, basic training took just under three weeks. I understand that nowadays it takes much longer; the youth of today are not as quick as we were at their age. On my second day at camp, I found the C.O. and told him I wanted to join the cavalry. Haim Cohen had told me.

"Ah yes," said the C.O., "Haim Cohen." But it didn't matter how I had found out, a mounted patrol unit was being formed, and the recruiting officer came once a week to see what he could pick up. "If you know something about horses, you are just what he wants. Come and see me again when you've finished your basic training. In the meantime, ask the welfare officer to put your name on the list."

When he had heard me rehearse my qualifications, the Welfare Officer was enthusiastic. Each time I told the story I was becoming that much more an expert horseman. "The captain in charge is a very good friend of mine," I was just beginning to realize how small and friendly this country was: everybody knew everybody, and was everybody's very good friend. "I'll see he hears about you. Just finish your basic training."

We did our basic training: marching in ragged lines to the cook house and back; standing on morning parade for our daily cigarette ration; learning to dodge the sergeant looking for volunteers.

And on the day before our training finished we went down to the firing range for the first time.

The last time I went out on the firing range, at the other end of my 25 years of service, I didn't do very well, I'm afraid. I was supposed to be practising with an Uzi but, although I did exactly as I was ordered to, and what all the other soldiers were doing, the results were not the same. Their bullets came out of the front of the gun and all went more or less, in the direction of the targets; mine just dribbled out of an oblong hole at the side, and then bounced off my foot on to the ground. The officer with us was kind enough to make no fuss about it. He only asked me to pick up the bullets off the grass, and go back to where I had been sleeping before. I think he may have been more concerned, and with good reason, to avoid being shot in the back by accident than with whether any bullets reached the targets.

The first time, however, I did very well. As it happens, that morning I had forgotten to put on my glasses when I left the tent, and as I didn't really think we were going to fire any rifles, I didn't bother going back for them. Then, on the firing range itself, it was too late to go back. I lay down where the others did, and pointed my rifle where they were pointing theirs. Since I couldn't see very well without my glasses, I had to concentrate exactly on following orders. My score was the second highest out of the 34 who were firing that day. I didn't like to say anything about my glasses after that because it would have seemed like boasting: imagine what score I would have made, if I had been wearing them!

As I've said, in those days, with all good will, some mistakes were made. How could it have been otherwise? The country was new; the army was run by an archaeologist; Golda Meir was just a slip of a girl in her forties; the average age of a member of the Knesset was twenty-five years younger than it is today — there simply wasn't the experience needed to run a country.

I went to the C.O. that night to remind him that I was ready to serve in the cavalry, and the very next morning, when the postings were read out, I found that I had been sent to the Negev Battalion of the *Palmach*, as a sniper. It was the start of a long and totally undistinguished military career.

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Joint IL65m. deal with German firm Koor steel plant to get two new smelting furnaces

By YAA'AOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Koor Steel City management will this month sign a IL65 million purchasing agreement for new equipment for its two electric smelting furnaces and expects to have them running in the second half of next year. The project is designed to modernize, expand and render profitable the country's largest steel plant. It represents a joint investment by Koor and the West German Korf Industrie und Handels Company.

Through its own engineering subsidiary, Koor will also supply the know-how and share in the management of the new plant. Operation of Steel City's old and unprofitable Siemens-Martin furnaces will end when the new electric arc furnaces go into service.

CAN BATTLE GIANTS

Steel City manager Aharon David Sela, giving details of the new project at the Engineers Forum here on Friday, said that with new technology small steel plants could now be operated profitably and compete with giant firms like Bethlehem Steel. But three conditions would have to be met: they would have to be closer to relevant mar-

kets than the big plants, utilize a locally available and adequate supply of scrap metal, and be supported by a local demand for building iron. At Steel City these three conditions are met, Mr. Sela said.

Annual output is designed to go up to 270,000 tons in the first stage and later on, in a continuous casting process, to 350,000 tons.

The plant's present labour force will be sufficient for the higher output and Mr. Sela believes that the experienced workers will easily adjust to the new techniques. Reduced production costs will make locally made steel cheaper than imports, even after customs duties are abolished, he said.

Over 70,000 tons of scrap are used at Acre instead of being exported. This can substitute for the import of the same quantity of finished steel or steel products at a saving of \$22 per ton. Today the country's annual accumulation of steel scrap is greater than the Koor plant can process, and for one third of its output (210,000 tons in 1971, 220,000 in 1972) steel ingots must be imported. The new electric casting technique will convert scrap direct into ingots ready for the rolling mills, at a rate of more than 510 tons daily.

Iran becoming one of U.S.' biggest arms purchasers

By ROBERT DOBKIN

WASHINGTON (AP). — Iran is rapidly building up its armed forces with sophisticated planes, helicopters and other weapons purchased from the U.S., making it one of America's biggest arms purchasers.

Defence Department officials acknowledged recently that over the past year Iran has contracted to buy nearly \$2,000m. worth of weapons to be delivered over the next few years. The latest order was in December, for nearly 500 improved utility and gunship helicopters worth about \$700m.

Officials said the Shah has also expressed an interest in the new Navy F14 and Air Force F15 fighter planes, which are not yet operational in the U.S. inventory. Also on the Shah's weapons shopping list are the so-called "Smart bombs" used

WHAT TO DO ABOUT PROFITEERING

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, of the Histadrut, accuses Elhanan Milner Sapir of creating millionaires. The truth is that inflation creates millionaires. Is the Histadrut prepared to support measures proposed by Mr. Sapir to combat inflation?

Profits there must be in a capitalist system, but they should be fair profits. These are gained when prices are stable. On the other hand when prices move upward, profiteers come into their own.

Not all sectors benefit from inflation. Industrial firms especially those that depend on exports, do not. They employ labour and consume materials, so whatever they gain on the swings of demand inflation they lose on the roundabouts of cost inflation.

WHO BENEFITS

It is these exporters — and only they — who received Sapir's tax and loan benefits as "approved enterprises." A committee was appointed some time ago under Avraham Agmon, Director-General of the Treasury, to review the fiscal privileges. It decided that competition will not be reduced to the limit, but that it is not needed, that exports are profitable enough without the extra premium?

Who then does benefit from inflation? The banks, for one; their gains have soared, as Ben-Aharon pointed out. But there is a fact which deserves attention. The Big Three account for 85 per cent of Israel's banking. One of them belongs to the nation (Bank Leumi), and another to the Histadrut (Bank HaPoalim). Only the third and as it happens, the smallest of the three, belongs to private interests.

If Ben-Aharon believes that profits are bad per se, he should advocate nationalizing that third bank and, in fact, all the country's privately-owned enterprises. The Government does the opposite: it offers inducements to attract private investment even from abroad, and Histadrut companies are themselves active in seeking partnership with private capital, especially foreign capital.

REAL ESTATE

Then there are the monopolies. They should either be exposed to competition or, if this is impossible, the Histadrut ought to demand that they be brought under public ownership. (This is what is wrong with Transport Minister Peres's desire to transfer the postal service to a non-Government authority. A monopoly should belong to the State, not to a business whose shares are controlled by the State.)

Inflation is to be blamed also for the least justified profit-making of all — that derived from the sale of landed property. It is not the building contractor who is to blame (though he does well enough under boom conditions), nor the person who sells his flat in order to buy another. Guilty is the investor in real estate who sits on the holding, and realises his monstrous gain when he needs the money for other purposes.

Here is a problem that is difficult to solve, because even without inflation, land values must rise in a country such as Israel, whose population is growing rapidly. At least it can be said that inflation aggravates the situation. And the first corrective measure should be to restore stability in prices — by pumping excess money out of circulation, and limiting excessive wage demands.

Swimming fishy in the background is calmly ignored by Bay of Eilat residents, who are looking forward to the beginning of construction of an underwater observatory to be built in their neighbourhood. Bay of Eilat residents are looking forward to the beginning of construction of an underwater observatory to be built in their neighbourhood. Bay of Eilat residents are looking forward to the beginning of construction of an underwater observatory to be built in their neighbourhood.

Marineland in Eilat to offer eye-to-eye contact with fish

By SHEILA MELTZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The tropical Red Sea fish that swim in the Bay of Eilat will soon be the opportunity to study the species on their own grounds. The cracked perimeter of the present-bottom boats, the fish are able to swim leisurely around the walls and watch the fish watching them.

These eyeball-to-eyeball encounters will be one of the main attractions of the "Red Sea Marine" which will be opening on the Bay of Eilat next year. This imaginative and innovative mission, work on which starts in March, will house an aquarium, a natural museum on land, and an underwater observatory 5 metres below the waves, joined by a pedestrian bridge 98 metres long.

The project will be the third of its kind in the world — precedents existing in Japan and Australia and is considered a brilliant "first" in Israel. Initiated by Morris Kahn, director of the "Golden Pages" telephone directory, together with a Swiss group and the investment company of Bank Hapoalim, the cost will reach some IL2m. It has the status of "approved enterprise." The complicated engineering inherent in building a tower under the sea are being handled by Civil and Marine Engineering Limited; the simplicity of the complex, which also includes a cafeteria, services and a terrace, is the work of Tel Aviv architect Morris Kaplan, who has achieved what was considered impossible up to now in Eilat — a functional building which blends naturally into its desert surroundings. Administration and supervision of the project is in the hands of Shalom Limited, and the problems inherent in building a tower in the Nature Preserve was left to the kid-glove treatment of Mr. Kahn, who succeeded in getting not only full cooperation from the Nature Reserves Authority, but also the blessings of its director, Avraham Koffe.

Visitors to Marineland will be able to see the aquarium and the underwater observatory separately, but the ideal visit will be first a browse through the aquarium, and then a walk across the bridge to the observatory, which will be a cylindrical steel structure of 7.5 metres, surrounded by reinforced glass windows, sunk 5 metres below sea level. The entrance to the observatory is through a wide chimney with separate sets of spiral staircases for entrance and exit. Entrance to the observatory will be limited to groups of 50 people at a time (one busload) for a visit of about 20 minutes. The project will be open both during the day and in the evening, the views differing according to the time of day, and visitors will also be able to view diving displays which will take place around the observatory.

WHEN YOU CAN ASK FOR A RAISE IN RENT

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Eilat District Court delivered June 4, 1972 (in C.A. 558/71). The appellants are protected tenants of business premises owned by the respondents. Till 1966 they paid IL200 per month for the premises. Then, after the rent ceiling business premises had been set by the Government they moved to a new agreement with the landlords whereby their rent was raised to IL350 per month. The period of time during which the agreement was to remain in force was not specified.

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals
Before Justices Ben-Zion, Cohn and Etzioni
Hamratz Ltd., Appellants, v. Zvi Greb & Others, Respondents (C.A. 403/72).

LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1973
SECTIONS 52 AND 57 OF TENANTS' PROTECTION LAW INTERPRETED

In 1971 the respondents applied the Tenancy Tribunal to determine the rent again, in accordance with section 57 of the Tenants' Protection Law (Consolidated Version), which empowers a tenancy tribunal to determine the rent again, in certain circumstances, where it already once determined the rent of business premises. Soon after this application was made the government made new regulations raising the maximum rate of rent.

The Tenancy Tribunal refused to determine the rent, on the grounds that it had no power to do so, as the rent had not been previously determined by it. The landlords thereupon appealed to the District Court, which upheld the appeal and referred the matter back to the Tenancy Tribunal. The District Court, however, gave the landlords leave to appeal for the purpose of having the Supreme Court decide the legal question of how sections 52(a) and 57 of the Tenants' Protection Law, 1972, should be interpreted.

Section 52(a) provides that: "The rent of business premises shall be determined by the parties; failing agreement between them, the Tribunal shall determine the rate of the rent." Section 57 lays down that: "Where the Tribunal has determined the rent of business premises, it may determine it again in any of the following cases: (1) if an alteration has been made in the minimum and maximum rates; (2) if an alteration has occurred in the factors likely to influence the level of rent; (3) if the landlord has agreed to a considerable improvement."

the appellants, and Mr. M. Ben-Zion, for the respondents.

Judgment. Justice Cohn delivered the first opinion of the Supreme Court, pointing out that it would appear, *prima facie*, from the wording of sections 52(a) and 57 of the Tenants' Protection Law, that the power vested in the Tribunal to determine the rent again, in certain cases, is vested in it only when the Tribunal has originally determined the rent "failing agreement between the parties"; whereas if the rent has been fixed by agreement between the parties, then the Tribunal is not competent to determine it, and certainly not to "determine it again." However, he continued, the District Court had held that the agreement referred to in section 52(a) could be cancelled by either party at any time, and that party could then apply to the Tribunal to determine the rent, as there would then be no agreement between the parties; and could later apply to the Tribunal to determine the rent again if any of the conditions laid down in section 57 should exist.

He for his part, Justice Cohn went on to hold, could not accept this solution. For it is a great rule of law that agreements must be honoured and it is inconceivable that the legislature could have wished to leave an opening for the unilateral repudiation of agreements, without expressly providing therefor. Furthermore, there would be no point in making agreements concerning the rate of rent, if the parties were at liberty to cancel them unilaterally whenever they wished.

the rate of rent between a landlord and tenant is made in full knowledge of the legal position with regard to maximum rents, as fixed by the Government from time to time in regulations. His solution was, he explained, to regard an agreement on rent as *void ab initio* — that is, as *res nullus* — that is, as being as the rent ceiling remained what it was at the time the agreement was made, and was not changed by regulation. To this end it is permissible, he held, to read into the agreement an implicit condition that the agreement shall remain in force as long as the maximum rent, fixed by the Government, obtaining at the time the agreement was made, is not changed (see also C.A. 351/67, 2 P.D. 21/666).

In the case under consideration, Justice Cohn held, the agreement between the appellants and the respondents had been made when the 1966 regulations concerning minimum and maximum rates of rent for business premises had been in force, and this agreement could be regarded as binding only as long as these rates were not changed or cancelled. Once the rates were changed in 1971, however, the agreement between the parties became null and void and they were entitled to apply to the Tenancy Tribunal to determine the rent for the premises. In the absence of any agreement between them, in other words, the respondents had been entitled to apply to the Tribunal on the strength of section 52(a) and not of section 57 as they had done. For this reason alone, therefore, the respondents could still apply to the Tenancy Tribunal to fix the rent for their business premises as from the date when the new regulations governing rent ceilings came into force — that is April 5, 1971.

In conclusion, Justice Cohn explained why he could not accept Justice Etzioni's suggestion that the respondents be restricted to applying to the Tribunal "to determine the rent again" within the meaning of section 57, holding that as this suggestion required reading something into the law which does not exist, there, he preferred his solution, particularly since it gave landlords wider scope for applying to the Tribunal than did a solution based on the application of section 57, and would thus serve to encourage tenants to reach an agreement — which was what everyone (and particularly the legislature) aspired to.

Justice Etzioni. Justice Etzioni concurred that the appeal should be allowed but reached this conclusion for reasons different from those propounded by Justice Cohn.

The issue in the present case, he said, is the extent to which the original agreement reached between the appellants and the respondents is binding, in the light of the fact that it was not made for a fixed period. The appellants, he continued, had argued that the agreement was binding as long as no other agreement was made in its stead or, alternatively, they were prepared to concede that the agreement took the place of a decision of the Tenancy Tribunal, and could be changed only if one of the conditions laid down in section 57 for changing such a decision were proved to exist. But the respondents, on the other hand, had contended that the cancellation of the agreement depended

on the will of the parties only, and that they were, therefore, entitled to cancel it and then turn to the Tribunal as if there had never been an agreement.

In his opinion, held Justice Etzioni, the agreement referred to in section 52(c) should be given the same validity as a judgment of the Tenancy Tribunal, and just as it is possible to change the rent fixed by the Tenancy Tribunal, so is it possible to change the rent agreed upon by the parties, if the agreement is not restricted to a definite period (see also C.A. 131/55, P.M. Digest 15/448; and C.A. 190/64, P.M. 15/412). In other words, he continued, once the parties have reached an agreement within the meaning of section 52(a), then this agreement is valid until such time as it might be changed by the Tenancy Tribunal, that Tribunal having the power to change the rate of rent fixed in the agreement on the same conditions as it can, by virtue of section 57, change its own judgment in the determining of the rent. Justice Etzioni went on to emphasize that he thought an agreement on rent could be changed if any of the conditions mentioned in section 57 existed and not only if the condition that the minimum and maximum rent rates had been changed by Government regulation were shown to exist.

In short, he was of the opinion that section 57 should be read as follows: "where the Tribunal has determined the rent of business premises, or where the parties have agreed upon the rent of business premises, the Tribunal may determine it again in any of the following circumstances..." Justice Etzioni then went on to justify an interpretation of the law which required the addition of what the legislature had inadvertently omitted, noting that the courts would use this method of interpretation only in the rarest of instances, and only when it was absolutely clear that it must have been the intention of the legislature to include the missing words — as it was in the present case.

In short, he concluded, the respondents would have been entitled to apply to the Tenancy Tribunal, under section 57 of the law, to determine the rent for the premises once again, if they had based their application on the existence of one of the circumstances specified in that section. As they had failed to do this, however, their application was doomed to failure, and the District Court decision should be quashed.

In concurring that the appeal should be allowed for the reasons given by Justice Etzioni, Justice Ben-Zion pointed out that, generally, when people make a business agreement without specifying the period to which it applied they had no intention that it should last forever, but intended that it should last for a reasonable period of time. In so far as an agreement on the rate of rent for protected premises is concerned, he continued, a reasonable period of time would be the time during which the fundamental conditions obtaining at the time the agreement was made continue to exist, with particular emphasis on the continued existence of the minimum and maximum rates of rent, since it is well-known that these rates are changed from time to time by Government regulations.

He thought, concluded Judge Ben-Zion, that it was possible to bridge the differences of opinion in his "coldest" judgments by changing the implied condition which Justice Cohn sought to read into a rent agreement so as to provide that if, and when, there occurred any change in the minimum and maximum rates of rent in existence at the time the rent agreement was made, or any other fundamental change of circumstances, then either party could demand a change in the rate of rent agreed upon. If the parties could agree upon such a change, then the way would be open to them to apply to the Tribunal under section 52(a) of the Tenants' Protection Law.

Appeal allowed with IL1,000 costs. Judgment given on January 30, 1971.

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GAZA TERRORIST REMNANTS

THE remnant terrorism in the Gaza Strip was struck a severe blow Friday by Israel's security forces when three leaders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine were killed.

This cell, as the documents captured after the incident showed, had been responsible for the recent spate of murders and bombings. Their aim was to disrupt the normal life pattern which was beginning to be established in the Strip after the crackdown by the security forces early in 1971.

Before that time Gaza residents feared to take full advantage of the work opportunities and other new developments which had presented themselves in the meeting with Israel after 1967.

The crackdown, after a series of murders, brought new confidence into the Gaza Strip, and the results were visible and dramatic. They reflected themselves in larger numbers of workers crossing the Green Line, rising standards of living, greater participation in municipal affairs.

But for the terrorist movements, victory of this sort for the Gazans spelled defeat.

The Popular Front, which had been the most active terrorist group in the Strip, was also urged on by other forces. The Arab states, embarrassed by the terrorists operating from their own territory, urged them to show their mettle by actions in-

side the administered areas. And while the Fatah responded by claiming imaginary operations in Jerusalem and elsewhere, the competitive PFLP, led by George Habash, sought to reassert itself in the Strip.

This effort was apparently aided by the summer visits scheme which enabled the terrorists to infiltrate some of their operatives back into the area.

Because of their small numbers, and the continuing alert, they were unable to turn the clock back. But they did succeed, by murder and threats of murder, to dissuade Gazans from proceeding in their readiness to take responsibility for their municipal affairs.

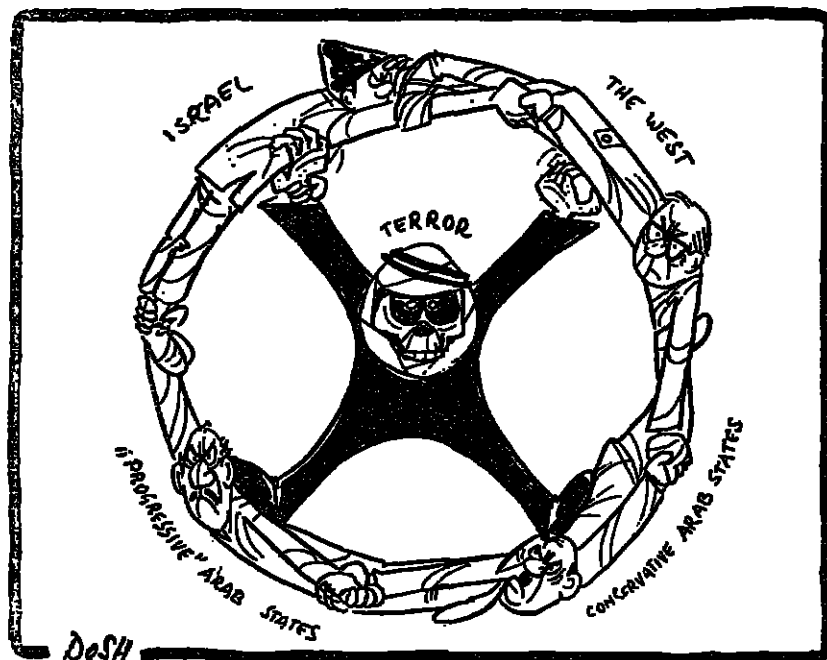
The blow struck Friday will undoubtedly reassure the residents of the Strip, and will help spur the process that had been under way since 1971.

For the Gazans, like the residents of the West Bank, whatever their ultimate political hopes, understand that neither these hopes, nor their best interests can be served by terrorism.

On the contrary, all that these groups hold out for them is violence, fear and a continuation of the suffering which has been the Gaza Strip's lot since 1948.

While therefore occasional incidents may recur, the path to normalcy in the Gaza Strip cannot be blocked, for the Gazans, like people everywhere, are not prepared to accept violence when peace beckons.

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MRS. MEIR'S VISIT

Davar (Histadrut) writes: "Mrs. Meir's trip achieved much, and has had no parallel for enhancing the essential understanding with the U.S. on important issues. Emerging from Mrs. Meir's talks in the U.S. is American understanding for Israel's position — that settlement of the Middle East conflict can be secured only through negotiation between the parties, without outside pressure. What was left unsaid is no less important: there was no mention of U.S. initiative contradicting Israel's concept of defensible borders."

Ha'aretz (non-party) comments on Histadrut Secretary Ben-Aharon's statements, to the effect that the social gaps in Israel were the result of a conscious and directed policy, and that no person can get rich in the country without a per-

mit from the Ministerial Economic Committee. The paper agrees with Mr. Ben-Aharon in so far as concerns what it refers to as "the distorted structure of the administration, wherein certain power foci constitute an essential transit point for anyone wishing to succeed." The paper also agrees with its statements concerning the spread of materialism in Israel. From this point on, though, the paper takes up cudgels with Mr. Ben-Aharon, asking: "What about well-to-do groups of employees, whose wage fights were defended by the Histadrut despite their being totally unjustified? Furthermore, why should not Mr. Ben-Aharon support devaluation, taxation, exposure of local products to competition from abroad — in short, all the measures likely to place the Israeli economy on a steady basis?"

FOREIGN PRESS

MONEY CRISIS

The New York Times wrote Friday: "The Finance Ministers and Central Bank chairmen of the U.S., Canada, Western Europe and Japan met in Paris Friday in an emergency conference precipitated by the most serious monetary crisis since the great depression. This crisis is simultaneously a financial, economic and political watershed... now the post-World War 2 system built around the U.S. dollar has broken down... essentially because continuous deficits in the American balance of payments eroded the dollar's value."

"The fundamental problem now is whether to return to the par-value system of exchange rates that prevailed before recent turbulent events put the world on a semi-floating

basis or whether to move to a system in which the supply and demand for different currencies will essentially determine their values. There are serious rifts among the nations — and within nations — on this key issue. If the Paris conference is to avoid a disastrous and obvious failure, a way must be found to compromise this key issue."

The London Times wrote on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's election victory in Bangladesh: "The election gives legal and constitutional status to Bangladesh's claim to recognition. For the past year Mr. Bhutto has been wrestling with this problem. He could not have had a more long Jerusalem into a 'Castle in the desert' status as leader of the new country."

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Two views about the ransom tax

By E. L. KAHN
Special to the Jerusalem Post

The obstacles put in the path of Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel are well-known to Dr. Vladimir Ze'ev Zaretsky. He came to Israel from the Soviet Union over a year ago and today is working in his field, mass spectrometry, at the Weizmann Institute. Dr. Zaretsky believes there is too much talk about the ransom tax.

The public abroad, he maintains, does not see the forest because of the trees, does not see the essence of the matter because of the emphasis on the education levy. He asks the now hypothetical question: what if it were to be abrogated? Would conditions improve? Would they be normal? No.

The organic chemist, says this, is the principle of aliyah and the obstacles put in the paths of Jews who have higher education — academic degrees in the sciences. These obstacles are the focal point. If the Russians were to agree to give exit visas to all who request them — that would be a real change, even were the ransom tax to remain in force. If they desisted from the other harassment, that would be a true improvement, even with the existing diploma tax.

Dr. Zaretsky believes that the public outcry against the ransom tax should be directed toward the right to free emigration, toward convincing the Soviet authorities, or demanding of them, a guarantee to give exit visas to all applicants, even if certain categories had to pay the tax.

As to where the money would come from, there are international organizations to help, he says. Dr. Zaretsky feels that Jews are now confronted with a choice. The Jackson amendment — in its entirety — calls for free emigration, and this should be linked with trade concessions. He classifies the recent reductions in the ransom tax as only a pyrrhic victory.

An opposite view of the ransom tax is that of journalist Viktor Perelman, who was al-

A basic question in the struggle for the rights of Soviet Jewry is how Jews, both in and out of Russia, should react to the ransom tax levied on Jews with higher



VLADIMIR ZARETSKY

lowed to leave the Soviet Union in spite of the public stand he took against the ransom tax. A series of articles he wrote entitled "Thoughts Before the Auction" appeared in the "New York Times" and his article "A Brutal Choice" was read over the radio in the U.S.

Today, says Mr. Perelman, there may be 20,000 Jews to buy and maybe the money could be raised. But aliyah is dynamic; it snowballs. Tomorrow, there could be 40,000 and then 70,000, which would mean thinking in terms of millions.

Rate of increase

Soviet Jewish activists have made a simple calculation. If there were 15,000 Soviet Jews coming to Israel in 1971, then the approximately 40,000 who came in 1972 represented 2½ times as many. If this rate of increase

education. Below two opposing views on the tax are argued by two famous Soviet immigrants, scientist Vladimir Zaretsky and journalist Viktor Perelman.



VIKTOR PERELMAN

monstrations should continue. But the focus should be on getting governments to apply pressure on a governmental, political level. If an arrangement were made for unlimited emigration including the payment of the tax, the money would be found and the Russians would not lose face.

East-West detente

Mr. Perelman claims that anyone who is afraid that should the ransom not be paid, the Jews will not be allowed to leave, is wrong. Jews are being allowed to emigrate not because the Kremlin wants to, but because a new situation has been created in the U.S.S.R. Prior to the period of the East-West detente, Soviet prestige was not of paramount importance. Stalin couldn't have cared less if millions died of hunger. The present prag-

matic leadership, however, knows that without economic relations with the West, they will be choked. They are vitally interested in getting a most-favoured nation status, and the Jackson amendment is very dangerous to them.

Their show of strength is a facade; if pressed, they will submit. If the Jackson amendment is passed, or even kept hanging over their heads, like the sword of Damocles, they will knuckle under. Therefore, pragmatically speaking, there is no danger of stopping aliyah if the ransom is not paid, thinks Mr. Perelman. Clearly, they are immoral, slave traders. They made a simple calculation as to whether it was worthwhile to stop emigration from a political and economic standpoint and have decided that it wasn't.

"I am the best example," says Mr. Perelman. "I wrote articles against the ransom tax in principle. Yet I got an exit visa, without paying 17,000 rubles ransom. I refused to pay on principle. I said I wouldn't pay even if they took the exit visa back. I would stay and continue to fight it; whereas, if they exempted me from payment, I would leave. Ten days later, I was allowed to leave, without paying the ransom tax. They reasoned that it was better that I fight them from Israel than in the USSR. There was the possibility of my being jailed, but on what charge, of being against paying the ransom tax?"

There is also this to be considered, he said: Who can guarantee that the levy will be imposed only on those with higher education? It could be extended to include high school, primary school, even kindergarten. From this respect as well, it is very dangerous.

Were an international conference of the great powers to be held, states the journalist, and were Russia to say, "Give us the price and we promise to let the Jews out," we could negotiate, we could then bargain, and sign an agreement. But Russia is promising nothing.

BUILDING JERUSALEM

CASTLE IN THE DESERT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Prof. Goertiz's article, "Making Jerusalem into a Castle in the Desert," has left me with two very different reactions. I am in complete agreement with him as regards the maintenance, in their present state, of the unbuilt hills surrounding the city and, as well, of East Jerusalem. But as to the building of the western part of the city to a height of 20-30 storeys as an expression of Israeli culture and inner power, I can think of nothing more mind-numbing. I find it interesting that Prof. Goertiz can in one breath display the sensitivity to advocate preservation of the surrounding hills and, in the next, abandon the population of West Jerusalem to the anonymity and sterility of a hi-rise city for the sake of some childish exhibitionist goal.

What the Professor fails to consider in his grand scheme, and his omission is common among architects, is that it is not simply a question of whether or not the strictly defined boundaries of Jerusalem, to build high or to build low. It is a question of providing a proper living environment for the people who must function daily within the city. What this means, beyond the building of housing units, is the provision of public services (roads, public transport, sports and recreational facilities, parks, social services, etc.) at a standard that permits all citizens to live and work with dignity. And unfortunately we have learned from our experience that given our resource limitations, the cramming of "more people into less space" by building at high densities makes the provision of proper services prohibitively difficult.

What is critical here is the population density. The higher the population density the more intense (and

hence the more expensive) must be the public services to be provided. And much as it might hurt our pride we must face the fact that we will not have for some time yet mass rapid transit or instant and readily available telephone communications or the extensive sports and recreational facilities etc. that are required in a densely built, densely populated city. Let us not delude ourselves into thinking that masses of high buildings will symbolize our inner strength when in reality the burden that they will place on

the resources of the city will, on the contrary, undermine that strength. Instead we should recognize that Jerusalem has a finite capacity for absorbing new population and that we must plan now for new population and employment centres that, although removed from the city, will work in tandem with it. In this way all that we admire about Jerusalem will be preserved while, at the same time, its rate of progress in a district sense will be sustained.

RALPH SEGAL

Jerusalem, March 4.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We are grateful for Prof. Mathias Goertiz's article and hope some of his excellent suggestions are heeded, and that the wide patternless scattering of buildings, which is the common form of recent growth, will be replaced by a nucleated grouping of architecture around parks and a series of greens and playgrounds.

However, while rightly warning against nostalgic attempts at imitating monuments of the past, he himself likens his recommended scheme to the towers of Herod of 2,000 years ago. Those towers, expressing strength and vigilance — how valid! A wall — no matter how high — as an expression of strength in our day is illogical.

Neither can one support the argument that, as the skyline is already spoilt, it would not matter if it were spoilt a little more. If 500 skyscrapers are beautiful, then New York and Chicago are the most beautiful cities in the world...

As to the fundamental question Prof. Goertiz raises: whether to build on the top of the hill or on the slopes and down in the valleys, the chain of buildings on the ridge — as shown in the sketch — would

be an ecological, an environmental and an aesthetic disaster.

Last, but by far not least, it is hoped that Prof. Goertiz's final suggestion is heeded: that artists, scientists, sociologists collaborate with planners, architects and engineers, combine their talents and work together towards creating a community plan which will not only evolve from the present needs of the people but will, as he says, "generate an attractive way of life."

BRONISLAWA Y. NOVI

Netanya, March 3.

MORE ABOUT PETAH TIKVA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I read with great interest the article on Petah Tikva in your Magazine of February 23. The history of this city as the first moshava is well-known. But Petah Tikva also had another first which apparently escaped your reporter's research.

In 1926, long before the rise of Hitler and at a time when Poland was at its zenith with six million Jews, the sainted Rav Yehiel Mordecai Gordon founded a branch of the Lomza Yeshiva in Petah Tikva. In an era when the yeshiva world was generally somewhat non-Zionist, this must be regarded as a courageous and farsighted step in faith in Israel as a Torah-centred Yishuv. The final 15 years of Rav Gordon's life was spent in Eretz Israel and dedicated to his belief in a non-factional approach to "Ahavat Israel." His influence is still felt by his many disciples.

Since your article opened with the idea of "firsts," I think it worthy of note that this community also housed the first Yeshiva of the new Yishuv.

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CANNIBALISM DEFENDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The two recent reports of survivors of plane crashes in isolated areas finding it necessary to eat human flesh in order to stay alive has been treated very unjustly by the press in Israel and abroad (Jerusalem Post, March 5, 1973 — *Jerusalem Cannibal Pilot*, etc.). These reports have unjustly aroused the public throughout the world against these individuals.

I believe that a more than superficial examination of the moral, ethical and religious aspects of this issue would reveal that what was done is not morally reprehensible. To eat the flesh of dead humans in order to survive is an imperative of any accepted system of human moral values. Interestingly enough, the Halachah, the norm for Jewish morality, would consider it reprehensible not to do so in order to preserve human life.

DAVID M. MAER, M.D.
Jerusalem, March 4.

MEGILLA MELODIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Purim is drawing near and thousands of tourists will stream to the synagogues to hear how the Megilla is read in Israel and particularly in Jerusalem. I know from previous years that they have often been disappointed.

There is a school of Chazanut at Helchal Shlomo, run by that able musician, Mr. J. Neeman, where the best traditions of liturgical music are being handed down. I.e. they teach the best melodies used in various countries of the Diaspora. I myself have heard a beautiful rendering of the Megilla there and the melody I used to hear in Hungary where I was born over 90 years ago. However this melody is not used either at the Helchal Shlomo synagogue nor at the Tel Aviv Great Synagogue from where the Purim service is usually broadcast.

Why should the major synagogues of the country not use the tunes regarded as the best by the school for Chazanut?

B. TOMASCHOFF
Jerusalem, February 28.

TEL AVIV PLANNING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I recently visited the Tel Aviv Museum on Bialik St. and was most impressed with the presentation. However, when we saw the proposed model of Kikar Hamedina, we were all aghast. Driving by we were all told that much had been lost by building the apartments so close to each other that there is almost no space between them, and no landscaping or greenery around each building. But this was somewhat compensated by the large round space in the centre, which we assumed would be made into an attractive park. Now we learn that this is the plan. Is the plan to build monstrous high buildings on this area?

Here is an opportunity to add a little greenery and beauty to the city of Tel Aviv — and hence to the presentation. Instead it will become, like so many other areas, a mass of stone.

Isn't it about time that the Civic Authorities give more consideration to aesthetics and green areas rather than to monetary considerations?

ETHEL WOLFSON
Ramat Gan, February 28.

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